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The First Year

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Director, Anoka County Library

How did it all begin? This was the first county library established in Minnesota under the Federal Library Services Act. A lengthy pamphlet would be required to record each and every meeting, the suggesting, the planning, the convincing, the dreaming, the work entailed that culminated in a thriving, young county library system. We are indebted to so many people who did so much that a mere listing of their names would not do justice to their efforts. Fortunately they are the kind of people who will accept for their thank-you's up-to-date, county-wide library service.

Leafing through the board's minutes at the Anoka Public Library, one can discern the first stirring of interest as far back as February 2, 1955 when a letter was read to the board sent by the Fridley Women's Club inquiring about bookmobile service or the possibility of a library branch in their area. Again in August of that year an article on the inadequacy of library service to rural people clipped from the *Minneapolis Star* caused considerable discussion. During that fall a series of newspaper articles appeared in the Anoka weeklies on extension of service to rural Anoka County residents written by Mr. Richard Swanson, the County Agent. The tiny flame was becoming stronger. The Anoka Public Library board maintained their interest and by May of 1956 representatives of their board, the Columbia Heights Public Library board and two county commissioners, Mr. Edward Fields, and Mr. Fredolf Gustafson, had met and explored the possibility of hiring a consultant to conduct a systematic study of the Anoka County library situation and its needs. October found the Board of Commissioners levying $1/3$ mill for such a survey with any remainder to be divided between the two libraries for service to county non-residents of their cities.

In December of 1956 the Board of County Commissioners authorized Mr. Fred Wezeman of the University of Minnesota Library School to make such a library survey of the county. The interest generated by an actual survey in progress began to spread to other communities.

Small wonder then that representatives from the two libraries attending the M.L.A. convention that fall were most eager to hear the latest concerning the Federal Library Services Act, and recognized its applicability to their situation.

The following month a general meeting was held by the two library boards with Mr. Hannis Smith of the State Library Division in attendance. This same group then approached the Board of County Commissioners. The commissioners being familiar with the results of Mr. Wezeman's survey, and fully aware of the library picture within their county, proved to be a most receptive audience to the petitioners. The County Commissioners subsequently levied the required one mill and appointed an Anoka County Library Board. An application for aid in the amount of \$58,102 was filed with the State Board of Education; the grant was approved and the gestation period ended.

Mr. Smith was called upon frequently for advice and direction both before and after the library's inception. His help and interest did not diminish after the application was formally approved, for much was to be accomplished before a librarian was to come on the scene. Each county commissioner appointed one member to the County Library Board from his constituency; Mrs. Leonard Keyes of Columbia Heights, President; Mrs. Frank Hady of Coon Rapids, Vice President; Mr. William McKenzie of Circle Pines, Secretary; Mrs. John Freeberg of Anoka; and Mrs. Grace Davies of St. Francis. Mrs. Freeberg, having had considerable experience as a library board member in Anoka, supervised the bidding and purchase of chassis and body for a large 2,000 volume bookmobile.

The library board saw the advisability of locating headquarters outside the city limits of Anoka and Columbia Heights. Spring Lake Park answered their requirements as far as location was concerned, but no suitable vacancy existed in the village. The Spring Lake Park village council was willing to contribute toward the rent. The Jamison Brothers Construction Company agreed to erect a building, half of which

would be rented by the library. Mr. Smith designed a workable layout agreeable to the board and to the contractors and a rental contract was drawn up. By the end of April the board appointed their librarian and I was to take up my duties in July.

Anoka County is the fastest growing county in the state. The population increase during the 1940-1950 period was 58.5%. During the five year period of 1950 to 1955 our population had jumped another 43% and it is estimated that it will climb to 184,000 by 1975. There is a greater percentage of urban dwellers than rural and the disparity between them will increase with each passing year. We can boast of little industry, which leaves 70% of the tax burden to be carried by residential property. With two cities already supporting public libraries and exempted from the county library tax, we would only realize approximately \$20,000 from a two mill levy on taxable property. Since this is the limitation set by the legislature for county library support, we would have faced a long lean struggle toward adequate library service. Our grant-in-aid from the funds available under the Library Services Act has catapulted us ten years forward in library development in Anoka County.

Before leaving Iowa luckily I had sold Miss Mary Lois Nelson of the Iowa State Traveling Library on the glories of the Northland. With her experience in extension work in Scott County, Iowa and her tour of duty with the Iowa State Library, she quickly became the mainstay of our organization. We arrived that first week of July eager to tackle our new assignments, but were stymied by the pane-less stare of an unfinished building. Mr. Joseph Jamison, one of the builders, granted us rent-free office space in his building next door to the future library.

Most of you are aware of the shortage of professional help in the Midwest. We appealed through newspapers, employment agencies, placement bureaus and to our friends in the field to no avail. We finally selected four clerks, one of whom had had some library training, and we began an in-service training program. Between interviews and searchings there was equipment to be purchased, supplies to be ordered, and basic book collection tools to be scanned. Mr. Smith had secured estimates

from several furniture and equipment houses, so we had only to make final selections and wait for delivery. This waiting calls for extreme patience and makes a shambles of the best planned schedule.

The building was at last ready for limited occupancy by August 1st, and for two weeks we dodged workmen, stumbled over tools and slid under and around ladders in our eagerness to set up shop in a place we could call our own. Slowly but surely, we gathered together furniture, shelving and equipment. Shimek and Bylander, a local firm of cabinet-makers, supplied many pieces of furniture at a considerable saving to us.

Our greatest decision at this stage of development was choosing a charging system from the many available. Drawing upon our previous experience, professional literature and conferences with users of various types of charging systems, we finally elected to install the Bookamatic charging system devised by Addressograph-Multigraph. This automatic book charging system employs plastic borrowers charge-a-plates, plastic book cards, and a three copy, snap-out carbon transaction form. A full description of this charging system can be found in the *Library Journal* for November 1, 1958. Its installation necessitated a considerable investment, but the savings which will accrue to any library using it will more than compensate for the initial expense. We feel that it will reduce our clerical costs through the elimination of: 1) filing of book cards; 2) pre-dating date-due slips; 3) slipping of books; 4) maintenance of numerical registration files; 5) replacement of filled or worn book cards; 6) manual writing of over-due notices; and finally it will provide for constant expanding circulation with no appreciable increase in labor costs.

We found an additional use for the Bookamatic equipment not included in the manufacturer's proposal. It occurred to us at headquarters that if we could use this embossed plastic book card to print location cards and also to print the book pockets, we should be able to produce catalog cards as well. One can quickly see how advantageous such a rapid method of card reproduction would be in cataloging. We experimented with various paper stocks in an effort to find one that would take a suitable impression. Our finished

product leaves something to be desired esthetically, but when we weigh against this the expense and delay of typed or commercially produced cards, we find ourselves being a lot less critical. Our small success has induced the manufacturer to experiment with an ink roller in place of the ribbon now used in the printing device in hopes of securing a better impression. We hope that their results will make a better impression on us.

Building the book collection has been a wonderful adventure. After all what librarian hasn't dreamed of building a book stock from scratch? We received a tremendous boost at the start from a generous collection of 2,000 books loaned by the State Library Division. These were for the most part old stand-bys that no library wishes to be without. Unfortunately, many of the titles listed in *Standard Catalog* and its supplements are not to be found outside libraries and second-hand book shops. A representative sample of the remaining titles was slowly accumulated to form a nucleus for what we hope will be a serviceable book collection for the area we serve.

The fact that six months had elapsed before salaries started being paid in 1958 meant that a greater proportion of our year's budget could be used for books and equipment. This is reflected in the fact that by the end of the year we had purchased and processed 12,000 books. However, well equipped headquarters and a freshly processed collection of books do not constitute a library system when there are four hundred twenty-five square miles to be served. Consequently, the next phase of our development meant acquiring arms and legs. The legs of our system, the bookmobile, ordered months before was to be a long time in arriving. Here again the State Library Division came to the rescue. They loaned us a spanking new Gerstenslager until our own could be delivered.

The task of finding a really competent driver-clerk could have produced a major headache, but luckily, Donald Ordway, the first man to hear of our opening and to approach us, met the requirements nicely. He has jockeyed large commercial vehicles around the country, he has had experience with the State Library Division, and is an excellent mechanic. Again the shortage of professional people meant improvisation in

staffing, so we tried as bookmobile librarian a former high school teacher, who is absorbing technique and background with each trip.

Logically our next step was to survey the area for probable bookmobile stops. This was no mean chore, since none of the maps available to us had kept up with our tremendous population growth. Therefore, relying upon concentration of population as we saw it, we doled out the stops county-wide and hoped for the best. So far, we have found it necessary to juggle a mere 5% of our stops for lack of patronage. Taking a typical day's run as an example operating on a bi-weekly schedule, our circulation on alternating Mondays was 71, 133, 185, 240, 366, and 371, and still growing.

On Sunday, November 23rd we felt that we were ready to begin operation and in celebration held open-house at headquarters which was announced with appropriate newspaper and radio publicity. We have always enjoyed marvelous cooperation from these local media. Our gala event coincided with the first nasty weather of the season. In spite of this approximately 150 persons left the comforts of home and fireside to inspect our plant. The Board and Staff stood by from two to six o'clock to welcome our visitors and to explain our system to them.

The regulations under which our library system operates, require that any area desiring a branch library must furnish suitable quarters and utilities. The first such community was Coon Rapids, northwest of headquarters. A vacancy had occurred in the new shopping center in the village and they were quite anxious to have us establish a station or branch there. Neither our book stock nor our personnel was ready for this move. Additional book stock we could quickly acquire, but we did not wish to hire a local person to man the station. I have deplored this practice since my county experience in Iowa and think that it is advisable, whenever possible, to use headquarters personnel for such an assignment. This kind of staffing insures uniformity of procedure and policy at all outlets, better liaison between outlets and headquarters, and enjoys the further advantage of using personnel who are familiar with the entire book collection and other

library resources. We opened our branch at Coon Rapids on January 5th, serving on two afternoons and one evening per week. Within a month's time we were forced to expand to three afternoons to accommodate the increased patronage.

Our next request for a branch came from Circle Pines to the northeast. They immediately rented space in a commercial building and members of their local library board fell to with brushes, mops, and pails. Partitions were erected, generous quantities of paint applied, shelving installed and on February 10th we began operation. Here again we started on two afternoons and one evening per week. The first two weeks' circulation figures indicate that an extension of hours will soon be called for. Fridley to the southwest, which is already good sized and growing at the rate of forty families a month, should furnish the next branch site. They have made preliminary gestures toward securing a branch but limitation of personnel and books relegate this to the "Future Plans" portfolio.

There are two public libraries in existence in the county; one in the City of Columbia Heights and the other in the City of Anoka. The Columbia Heights Library Board, recognizing an opportunity to improve their services, approached the Anoka County Library Board to see what could be done cooperatively. At three board meetings the ground work was laid for limited service for one year. The Anoka County Library agreed to select, purchase and process their yearly allotment of books, to weed their entire collection, and to furnish other professional help as needed. No sooner had the contract been signed than the City Library Board approached their Council with the request for a building. For years they had been paying rent for inadequate quarters and the prospect of accumulating rent receipts for several more years was distasteful to them. The City Council was unanimously in favor of their request and discussed the prospects for raising the money necessary for such an undertaking. The upshot of that meeting was that I was

requested to furnish them a plan for a simple concrete block building measuring 40' by 60'. Mr. Robert Rohlf of the Dakota-Scott Regional Library, who has served as a consultant on other building programs, agreed to assist me and we soon had a plan that was acceptable to them. They are now in the process of taking bids from local contractors to erect such a building on a sizeable lot owned by the library and everyone at the present time is optimistic about their library's future.

No one anticipated the wholehearted acceptance we have enjoyed since our opening in mid-November. During the month of January, we circulated 7,430 books and our shelves were becoming sadly depleted as the shelvees closed up the ranks. An interesting trend revealed by the circulation figures was that more juveniles were being issued from the bookmobile than adult books. Let me hasten to add that ours was not a normal situation, for we had deliberately scheduled the bookmobile so that we would be clear of any heavily populated areas after school hours. This was necessary because our juvenile book collection could not long survive the terrific run that the youngsters in such areas could put upon it. Nevertheless, the juveniles were moving at a healthy rate because parents along the runs were interested enough to meet the bookmobile and secure books for their children. As our supply of juveniles increases we will abandon this measure.

If, as we hope, the demand for service continues a gradual growth for the next few months, our book stock should be able to keep pace with it. Conferences held with the Anoka Public Library Board indicate that we can expect to arrange some cooperative efforts with them in the near future. Just now we are in the midst of negotiations with Dakota-Scott Regional Library whereby we will contract to do all of their book processing for them and eliminate much duplication of effort. The warm reception accorded library service in our county makes the future look encouraging.

Public Library Statistics, 1958

BY HANNIS S. SMITH
Director of Libraries

Minnesota's libraries can point with pride to our long and consistent history of reporting and publishing statistics on public library service. And everyone concerned with or interested in library service can take satisfaction from the gradual improvement and growth of library service reflected in this year's statistics. They are well worth examining in some detail.

Population Served

A comparison of this year's figure with that from last year shows a slight *decrease* in the number of persons counted as served in Minnesota. This is an anomaly which requires explanation. The brand new service established in Anoka County, ironically enough, did not change the figure for population served. In the previous statistics the small sums granted yearly to the Anoka and Columbia Heights libraries had placed the more than 20,000 rural people in Anoka County in the population served column years ago. At most, this amounted to less than four cents per capita. While the improvements manifest in the development of the newly established county library are obvious, the fact remains that it made no change in the numbers served.

There was a small increase in the numbers served by Association Libraries. This is a result of increases in expenditures rather than an increase in the number of libraries, since libraries spending less than ten cents per capita have been excluded. Had this rule been applied to counties in the past, there would now be an observable increase in the numbers of people served by County Libraries.

The slight decrease has resulted from the withdrawal of the small sum of public library monies paid in the past to the school library at Sauk Rapids so that Sauk Rapids is not now included in the population served by public libraries.

Books Available

The growth of the stock of books available in Minnesota public libraries seems small, since it is only 55,000. At the same time, per capita expenditures for books

have risen. The small growth really means that most of our libraries now have more books than they can house, and as a result are forced to withdraw or discard books almost as rapidly as they acquire them. This is a result of the very small amount of new library building space erected in the state. New buildings under construction or in prospect will relieve this problem for some libraries, but over-crowding is still an insurmountable current problem in many places.

Circulation of Books

The use of Minnesota public libraries has reached a new all-time high in the numbers of books circulated. The 1958 figure is well over 12 million, an increase of close to a million over 1957 (over 8%). The per capita figure is now 4.1 books per Minnesotan. This is only one-tenth of a book less than the all-time per capita high of 1939. This is probably attributable to a combination of factors. For example, many libraries reported big increases in use as a result of National Library Week activities last year. We cannot ignore the fact that a reduction in the level of prosperity has almost always resulted in more library use—as witnessed by the high figures of the 1930-1939 period. The 1958 recession undoubtedly contributed to the increase in library use. But there are also indications that as our libraries improve their services, more people use them. And the factors discussed under this same heading in the March, 1958, issue of this magazine, are also part of the picture. We are out of the "TV slump" in reading.

Population Changes

Interpreting both library use and support we must keep in mind that we are now nearing the date for a new U. S. census. The new figures will undoubtedly show an increase in the population of cities with public libraries, and a corresponding increase in the number of people counted as served. This will be automatic, even if no new libraries are established. Fortunately, we will have one more year under the old population figures to reflect the

growth represented by the populations of Scott, Mille Lacs, Pine and Polk counties which will appear in the "served" column in the 1959 statistics to be published this time next year.

This factor of population growth may also mean that some of our libraries are not nearly so well supported on a per capita basis as appears in the statistics. It also means that some of the per capita use figures are not really as good as they appear to be. But allowing for this, as all national statistics must, the library picture in Minnesota is still showing improvement.

Library Support

While there appears to be some increase in the support of most libraries there are still indications that this has not yet caught up with the increase in costs, especially the costs of books and personnel. The increases appear principally in the figures for counties and communities of over 5,000 population. Among the smaller libraries, however, it should be remembered that there is an annual fluctuation in the completeness of the statistics. Non-reporting for any one of a number of reasons such as illness, absence, and the like, or late reporting by different libraries in different years, subject these figures to change. Nevertheless, their income has definitely not reflected increased costs, so we must conclude that their services are subject to a form of economic erosion.

The most dramatic increase is apparent in the expenditures for county libraries. While a portion of this increase is accounted for by the grants-in-aid (reported in detail in a separate table for the first time this year), there is a remaining increase of about 20%. One part of this increase is the new county monies provided to qualify for aid, and such money will show a substantial increase in the 1959 figures.

One interesting factor in the statistics is their reflection of the beginnings of new developments in the growth of library systems under the state-federal aid program. We will see a reduction in the number of libraries, accompanied by an increase in the number of people served by libraries,

and at the same time a probably slight decrease in the total expenditures of city and village libraries accompanied by a continuing substantial increase in the expenditures for county libraries (and beginning next year—regional libraries).

Service Growth

For the first time, the county library table includes bookmobiles as well as branches and stations. The present figures include only four purchased with the help of aid funds, so that this figure can well serve as a base for measurement of future growth.

Another feature of service growth in our libraries is the expansion of 16-mm film service made possible by the establishment of the Minnesota Library Film Circuit. By next year there will be enough information available to justify publishing a separate table for the statistics of film use. This year, however, a combination of the work of getting started, and non-uniformity in keeping statistics has reduced the coverage and validity of the statistics reported. However, from those libraries where the statistics are complete and uniform (except for the calendar period covered), it is already apparent that the public is responding to this service with a hearty welcome. So there are some things we can say about this service with the figures to prove it:

There are 12 more public libraries offering 16-mm films to the public than there were just over a year ago.

With only 5 of these libraries reporting completely, we know that these films were shown nearly 1,500 times, and to over 50,000 people.

As the Film Circuit grows (there are 6 more potential members lined up for 1959-60) in the number of libraries, the number of films available, and in member experience in expediting and increasing public use, we will unquestionably be justified in publishing complete tabulations.

So 1958 was a library year of which we can all be proud—if we are not content to rest upon our laurels. There still remains a lot to do!

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1958

Popu- lation (1960 Census)	PLACE	LIBRARIAN	Salary	Volumes in Library	BORROWERS		Circu- lation Per Capita	Hours Per Week Open for Lending	RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURES			
					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Tax Levy in Mills	Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Books, Period- icals, Binding & Aud. Vis.	Salaries Exclusive of Janitor Expenses	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita
Over 50,000 Pop'n.																
218,718	Minneapolis.....	Raymond E. Williams.....	14,000	969,500	184,093	35	3,434.211	6.5	68	1,677,380	213,676	1,891,056	249,999	1,359,350	1,879,470	3.47
111,349	St. Paul.....	J. Archer Egan.....	11,880	601,351	111,274	34	1,779.873	5.7	69	784,994	39,344	824,338	111,357	512,307	818,438	2.63
104,511	Duluth.....	Donald C. Potter.....	8,136	216,281	24,835	24	492.500	4.7	68½	183,124	.....	183,124	15,469	122,045	180,467	1.73
10,000-50,000 Population																
13,545	Albert Lea.....	Mrs. Gerald Harty.....	4,357	30,913	5,449	40	72.794	5.3	61	23,200	.....	23,200	3,789	14,711	20,736	1.53
23,100	Austin.....	Mabel C. Olson.....	4,500	39,954	13,834	60	144.614	6.2	69	33,295	577	34,512	8,120	15,197	27,151	1.18
10,001	Bemidji.....	Ordo F. Nilson.....	3,900	15,558	4,115	40	44.878	4.4	48	11,383	447	11,831	2,322	3,900	12,027	1.20
12,637	Brainerd.....	Helen Reinberg.....	3,300	20,331	5,786	46	49.208	3.8	45	12,159	790	12,949	3,284	6,827	14,613	1.16
16,698	Faribault.....	N. D. Leitzke.....	4,440	38,756	7,571	60	93.575	7.4	65	25,411	1,613	27,024	3,888	15,585	27,655	2.21
12,917	Fergus Falls.....	Elsie A. Grina.....	5,100	22,497	5,327	47	87.721	7.8	62	19,030	951	19,981	3,387	12,197	18,732	1.69
16,276	Hibbing.....	Stanley B. Carmau.....	5,426	25,025	7,467	46	142.675	8.7	68½	55,540	2,432	57,972	7,400	35,079	58,405	3.59
18,809	Marquette.....	Isadora H. Vogel.....	4,638	45,117	8,130	39	144.730	6.6	68	28,740	18	28,758	6,061	14,757	25,743	1.37
14,870	Monticello.....	Myrtle T. Rundquist.....	5,250	28,572	8,948	60	103.453	9.0	53	37,455	3,004	40,459	6,161	15,325	27,373	1.84
10,191	Owatonna.....	Eraus M. Stadler.....	5,500	23,662	3,562	36	81.343	8.2	64	34,133	5,784	39,917	7,717	21,153	41,188	1.1
10,645	Red Wing.....	Edna V. Steiner.....	5,200	24,850	4,858	41	85.366	8.3	65½	27,924	.....	27,924	4,953	13,679	24,474	2.39
29,885	Rochester.....	Lucille Gottry.....	6,900	273,821	15,241	54	226.617	8.0	69	37,622	7,908	45,550	19,991	44,680	80,993	1.1
28,410	St. Cloud.....	Mrs. Merle Lennartson.....	5,890	46,993	8,135	26	170.987	6.2	69	50,796	1,318	52,114	10,140	30,393	51,727	1.88
15,909	South St. Paul.....	Mrs. Dorothy Jorstad.....	4,530	24,635	5,272	33	96.672	6.0	69	34,294	1,428	35,722	7,680	17,023	31,371	1.1
12,486	Virginia.....	Ethel Binney.....	5,220	25,734	4,437	36	100.916	8.0	68	45,714	1,463	47,177	5,832	28,137	48,431	3.88
25,031	Winona.....	Alberta Seiz.....	7,000	40,290	8,829	34	133.647	5.3	66	51,229	3,246	54,475	12,041	26,851	49,818	1.90

See statistics on county and/or rural school library service.

Includes state institution residents who receive state-supported service. Per capita are based only on local population.

Not computed as county figures are included in total.

No tax levied. Receives appropriation from general fund.

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5,000-10,000 Population															
6,319	Alexandria	Gena J. Bakken	4,325	13,765	3,834	45	36,637	5.7		10,075	1,204	11,280	1,538	6,780	1.89
7,396 ¹	Anoka	Mrs. Kenneth D. Talbot	3,730	12,539	2,605	42	29,792	4.8	1.00	11,453	3,958	15,411	3,547	6,088	11
6,995 ²	Chisholm	Mrs. Ann M. Mosca	6,144	48,536	3,835	55	78,828	11.2	2.50	27,245	570	27,816	2,690	17,442	4.99
7,685	Cloquet	Helen Jensen	5,182	25,621	3,361	44	74,212	9.6	3.00	22,355	1,077	23,432	3,878	13,452	2.97
8,175	Columbia Heights	Lucille R. Hawkins	No report	25,621	3,361	44	74,212								
7,352	Crookston	Mrs. Cleo N. Thompson	4,600	18,530	3,058	41	80,446	10.9	4.70	15,883	495	16,379	3,455	8,010	2.07
5,787	Detroit Lakes	Mrs. Bertha Beug	2,100	13,508	1,610	26	24,250	4.1	2.22	6,001	734	6,735	1,155	2,298	1.16
5,474	Ely	Mrs. Ruth Nankervis	12,680	10,045	2,340	42	34,450	6.2	2.13	11,785	42	11,828	1,518	6,549	2.05
6,740 ³	Eveleth	Kathleen McCormick	4,116	26,763	3,348	48	51,937	7.7	12.73	24,082	314	24,396	2,257	14,812	3.57
8,193	Farmont	Mary Edwards	3,300	21,238	3,859	47	54,996	6.7	2.01	10,186	314	10,500	2,409	4,671	1.20
10,088 ⁴	Grand Rapids	Mrs. Mata C. Bennett	3,660	29,313	4,350	43	81,881	8.1	5.00	21,754	354	22,108	5,717	10,136	2.03
6,560	Hastings	Mrs. Earl Henry	No report	29,313	4,350	43	81,881								
7,595	Hopkins	Mrs. Bloomie Mountain	3,484	21,240	6,285	71	62,120	8.1	1.67	17,650	988	18,638	4,465	8,909	2.21
6,269	International Falls	Marie Knudson	6,200	17,664	2,559	41	63,554	10.1	4.08	20,430	1,592	21,933	5,072	20,718	5.18
6,717	Little Falls	Mrs. William Peterson	1,740	13,997	2,801	41	41,382	6.1	2.95	7,527	251	7,778	2,173	3,895	1.17
5,923	Marshall	Mrs. R. B. Stevens, Jr.	3,840	13,997	2,801	41	41,382			6,460	.....	6,460	.....	.....	.....
5,459	Montevideo	Mrs. Frances Bergh	2,169	12,056	3,567	65	15,244	2.7	12	4,525	.....	4,525	707	2,169	81
9,348	New Ulm	Mrs. Carrol Tammen, act.	3,358	22,236	1,339	14	102,890	11.0	2.90	17,130	2,097	19,227	3,425	12,104	2.26
7,487	Northfield	Emma R. Overaag	3,600	9,339	3,357	45	30,857	4.1	4.44	8,906	522	9,428	1,404	5,710	1.19
5,269	Pipestone	Mrs. J. G. Strenge	2,306	22,075	2,597	47	34,166	6.4	.....	7,442	597	8,039	2,311	4,116	1.43
7,754 ⁵	St. Peter	Mrs. Marjorie M. Haasecke	1,942	9,798	3,803	69	17,277	3.2	5.00	8,471	545	9,016	1,006	2,793	9.92
7,674	Stillwater	Gertrude Glennon	3,480	31,081	5,066	72	43,287	5.6	4.95	15,093	877	15,970	4,339	10,605	2.35
6,926	Thief River Falls	Frances H. Shanahan	3,540	23,745	2,573	36	191,633	12	15,076	1,316	13,392	3,509	9,180	17.810

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			Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Salaries Exclue- ive of Janitor Expenses	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita							
2,500-5,000 Population																
2,502	Bayport.....	Nina Brown.....	No report	10,999	2,239	57	19,461	5.7	2.11	3,105	477	3,582	403	2,682	3,760	1.11
3,398	Benson.....	Mrs. Jean M. Goldsberry.....	2,400	10,999	1,846	48	15,147	3.9	3.86	4,861	150	5,011	1,054	2,404	4,304	1.12
3,843	Blue Earth.....	Mrs. Walter Hemecke.....	2,220	12,838	1,236	34	22,390	6.1	3.86	3,977	152	4,129	957	2,399	3,555	.98
3,623	Breckenridge.....	Mrs. Eva M. Bloomfield.....	1,381	9,862	1,117	29	7,793	2.8	3.00	2,955	173	2,955	403	909	1,313	.47
2,777	Crosby.....	Mrs. Carl D. Mayer.....	1,033	6,025	1,117	40	10,181	3.6	3.00	2,000	1,018	2,918	894	1,283	2,221	.79
2,801	Glencoe.....	Mrs. F. E. Finner.....	1,200	7,722	2,376	89	23,828	8.9	3.00	3,000	1,018	2,918	894	1,283	2,221	.79
2,666	Glenwood.....	Mrs. B. E. Palmer.....	720	7,956	1,220	48	16,101	6.4	3.00	2,660	135	2,795	969	980	2,479	.99
2,511	Granite Falls.....	Mrs. Mabel C. Schulte.....	3,300	13,747	2,245	33	37,485	7.9	3.60	8,604	614	9,218	1,978	4,039	8,965	1.92
3,690	Hutchinson.....	Mrs. L. L. Johnson.....	1,492	9,096	1,852	20	17,074	5.3	2.52	3,538	743	4,281	734	1,492	2,492	.75
3,313	Jackson.....	Mrs. Florence Metzinger.....	2,100	9,083	1,434	39	15,233	4.4	2.37	3,039	1,107	4,456	999	1,420	3,237	1.19
2,457	Le Sueur.....	Mrs. Gale H. Beck.....	1,350	5,165	1,381	44	15,067	5.7	3.00	6,055	1,107	7,792	2,778	3,348	7,856	1.19
4,698	Litchfield.....	Mrs. Gertrude M. Johnson.....	2,760	13,401	2,766	40	34,280	7.4	1.44	2,327	181	2,509	466	1,800	2,879	.79
3,650	Livernois.....	Mrs. Cora E. Mann.....	1,800	9,095	1,769	45	33,130	3.5	2.85	4,376	202	4,778	1,362	2,609	4,964	1.30
3,891	Morris.....	Margaret E. Grove.....	2,400	14,124	2,648	98	25,051	6.0	3.28	4,560	356	4,896	1,395	3,234	4,739	.99
4,788	North Mankato.....	Mrs. Isabelle M. Johnson.....	2,638	7,580	1,801	39	21,301	4.4	2.00	5,550	225	5,775	1,224	2,968	4,551	1.07
4,248	North St. Paul.....	Mrs. June Engle.....	2,760	6,852	1,862	39	28,024	6.5	2.60	4,503	466	4,969	1,006	2,303	4,763	1.85
3,577	Orono.....	Mrs. M. A. Thomsen.....	2,000	8,141	1,537	44	31,249	7.1	2.69	3,246	176	3,422	1,380	1,500	3,972	1.31
3,097	Park Rapids.....	Evelyn M. Collier.....	2,780	8,141	1,537	43	31,549	10.3	3.34	8,615	675	9,190	1,743	3,079	9,432	1.69
3,813	Park Rapids.....	Mrs. B. E. Wresch.....	2,280	12,726	1,682	41	34,832	7.4	2.85	2,227	248	2,475	2,216	3,380	5,896	.62
3,861	St. James.....	Mrs. George Adrian.....	2,280	12,701	1,641	42	34,832	7.4	2.85	2,227	248	2,475	2,216	3,380	5,896	.62
3,140	St. James.....	Reyna Johnson.....	1,042	9,773	2,200	53	45,291	1.9	5.00	3,078	4,502	10,480	2,484	6,335	10,818	1.62
3,176	Silver Bay.....	Mrs. J. P. Davidson.....	2,287	18,773	2,800	20	6,201	5.8	5.00	3,012	120	3,732	778	974	1,981	.62
3,278	Sleepy Eye.....	Helen C. Dombrowski.....	1,950	6,255	1,051	60	19,154	5.8	1.50	3,494	92	3,586	846	1,250	2,754	.84
2,574	Springfield.....	Mrs. Lowell Hartwick.....	1,728	5,675	1,351	52	15,615	6.0	1.30	1,200	281	1,481	590	1,258	1,848	.60
2,782	Staples.....	Elsie M. Ahlbrecht.....	1,200	7,316	1,570	19	25,832	9.3	2.00	2,731	200	2,927	570	1,200	1,849	.66
3,020	Tracy.....	Mrs. James Finnigan.....	1,470	11,677	3,360	28	14,475	4.7	2.23	2,731	96	2,827	579	1,589	2,827	.94
4,400	Two Harbors.....	Mrs. Alice W. Hamilton.....	2,160	12,602	3,024	68	29,422	10.2	4.51	3,905	449	5,350	1,216	5,589	7,411	1.11
3,988	Wadena.....	Rose V. Wagner.....	1,450	6,192	1,077	27	722,639	10.2	1.30	2,905	230	2,544	1,516	1,460	2,364	.61
3,646	White Bear Lake.....	Mrs. E. T. Butler.....	1,500	8,190	3,111	85	37,950	10.2	1.90	4,452	357	5,195	1,888	2,691	5,870	1.61
3,165	Windom.....	Mrs. Arthur Christensen.....	1,500	4,980	1,156	34	15,268	4.8	2.00	3,400	192	3,592	765	1,540	3,295	1.04

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1,000-2,500 Population																
2,121	Ada.....	Mrs. Louise Tufta.....	405	1,555	307	17	1,480	6	1.00	655	25	680	160	405	601	.28
2,079	Atkin.....	Mrs. Pearl G. Baker.....	1,020	5,677	1,248	57	3,237	1.5	3.40	1,119	23	1,142	411	1,020	1,690	.81
2,256	Aurora.....	Mrs. I. Osmundson.....	600	6,632	912	40	6,752	2.9	1.27	1,209	59	1,268	428	600	1,214	.54
1,371	Belle Plaine.....	Mary Turk.....	1,993	6,769	791	56	22,574	16.4	2.43	6,281	18	6,281	1,412	1,993	4,884	3.56
1,708	Bird Island.....	Mrs. Henrietta Schmidt.....	150	3,686	242	14	3,409	1.9	1.00	627	38	645	393	150	636	.37
1,333	Bjwabik.....	Mrs. D. R. Miller.....	480	4,308	599	45	6,884	5.1	2.00	1,084	38	1,122	339	480	855	.64
1,245	Bovey.....	Mary Miners.....	150	8,124	.....	.....	1,257	1.0	12	300	.....	300	300	.....	300	.24
1,320	Browns Valley.....	Mrs. Helmi Waugenstein.....	2,516	12,916	719	39	15,405	11.6	4.78	7,031	164	7,195	1,500	3,328	6,059	.11
1,117	Buffalo.....	Mrs. Barbara Pichowski.....	600	3,053	600	54	2,163	1.9	5.00	1,533	34	1,567	787	600	1,244	1.11
1,914	Buhl.....	Mary James.....	622	6,534	721	38	11,823	6.1	1.54	1,556	114	1,570	747	622	1,543	.81
2,462	Caledonia.....	Mrs. Jeanne Staffaroni.....	3,120	13,471	1,682	47	15,219	10.4	2.77	9,000	4	9,004	854	3,776	9,000	6.16
2,243	Canby.....	Mrs. Julia Schroeder.....	720	7,341	1,586	56	6,538	2.9	2.34	1,822	142	1,964	583	845	1,512	.67
2,173	Chatfield.....	Mrs. Anne Lortie.....	1,300	11,331	1,586	55	23,515	10.8	12	1,440	329	1,769	604	928	1,663	.77
1,605	Chaska.....	Mrs. Alberta Wilson.....	1,360	7,136	1,183	48	4,492	2.7	20	2,061	406	2,467	401	1,360	3,036	1.89
1,106	Clara City.....	Mrs. Gordon H. Fischer.....	264	3,324	748	68	5,051	4.5	8	400	253	653	182	264	520	.47
1,403	Cokato.....	Mrs. Martin Kovula.....	No report	76,199	.....	.....	864	.6	12	300	.....	300	1,572	4,350	70,570	.11
1,321	Coleraine.....	Mrs. C. D. Smith.....	No report	receive d.	747	35	7,589	4.1	12	2,719	439	3,158	428	850	2,741	1.49
1,834	Dawson.....	Ellen M. Dale.....	850	4,221	472	34	2,105	1.5	4.40	240	10	250	92	156	258	.19
1,386	DeLano.....	Barbara Freeman.....	156	1,114	472	34	2,105	1.5	4.40	240	10	250	92	156	258	.19
1,399	Elk River.....	Mrs. Zella M. Page.....	1,295	5,763	779	55	5,892	4.2	3.82	2,247	49	2,296	674	1,295	2,486	1.78
1,143	Fairfax.....	Mrs. Mary La Fontaine.....	325	4,010	389	34	4,170	3.6	8	500	.....	500	160	325	509	.45
1,916	Farmington.....	Mrs. Coral T. Honola.....	531	1,756	1,333	70	7,099	3.7	10	600	54	654	528	531	1,062	.11
1,089	Foley.....	Mrs. Al. Herbrand.....	465	4,343	555	49	5,979	5.4	16 1/2	968	60	1,028	781	512	1,331	1.22
1,614	Fosston.....	Esther Lade.....	.....	2,863	515	32	5,641	3.4	3 1/2	423	159	582	521	.....	565	.35
1,149	Fulda.....	Genevieve Hyslop.....	No report	receive d.	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	8,275	31	8,306	1,445	6,098	8,460	3.76
2,247	Gilbert.....	Mrs. Rudolph Wuotila.....	1,375	10,204	1,702	75	24,008	10.6	12	8,275	31	8,306	1,445	6,098	8,460	3.76
1,078	Grand Marais.....	Mrs. Cecelia M. Taylor.....	No report	receive d.	207	13	2,654	1.7	12	.....	10	10	94	63	167	.11
1,552	Hallock.....	Mrs. Lottie Pearson.....	63	2,092	837	61	6,840	5.0	3.00	1,711	233	1,944	669	1,080	1,817	1.34
1,353	Kasson.....	Bette L. Reid.....	1,080	4,908	837	61	6,840	5.0	12	737	177	914	463	410	903	.55
1,807	Keeweenaw.....	Alma L. Lewis.....	No report	receive d.	589	25	5,104	3.0	12	543	177	914	463	410	903	.55
1,651	Kenyon.....	Sedora Underdahl.....	410	3,718	331	26	3,347	2.7	1.13	737	177	914	463	410	903	.55
1,208	Lamberton.....	Arden Arnold.....	240	2,337	331	26	3,347	2.7	1.13	737	177	914	463	410	903	.55
2,443	Long Prairie.....	Mrs. Ronald Arnold.....	668	5,160	846	35	6,105	2.4	1.10	877	100	977	46	668	739	.30

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1,000-2,500 Population —Continued—																	
2,303	Madison.....	Mrs. C. W. Kells.....	2,143	10,924	1,181	34	17,597	33	3.45	2,964	959	3,923	606	2,143	3,554	1.54	
1,274	Minnetonka.....	Mrs. I. R. Cushman.....	234	3,649	1,040	82	3,863	6	1.00	503	82	585	523	234	835	.66	
1,913	Montgomery.....	Mrs. Lena Lehman.....	720	1,786	551	29	5,397	18	1.00	800	16	816	98	720	860	.45	
1,231	Monticello.....	Mrs. Laila Sundstrom.....	100	574	64	1	971	7	1.00	1,150	.....	1,150	381	100	481	.39
1,603	Moose Lake.....	Mrs. Newell Anderson.....	254	3,110	200	53	3,948	5	2.00	624	69	693	447	294	723	1.92	
1,377	Mountain Iron.....	Mrs. Geo. A. Kakela.....	1,560	12,586	1,016	52	15,473	11.2	3.765	2,765	21	3,786	571	2,354	3,782	2.75	
1,733	Mountain Lake.....	Mrs. Susan Kiewer.....	960	6,122	887	51	14,636	19 1/2	2.80	1,842	128	1,970	805	1,042	2,018	1.16	
2,029	Nashwauc.....	Florence Empson.....	716	4,489	1,245	.....	23,263	45	.....	500	14,840	15,340	3,239	11,828	715,340	11
1,672	Newport.....	Frances Armstrong.....	1,155	4,033	762	36	7,839	4	2.888	97	2,785	931	1,155	1,155	2,709	11	
2,012	Olivia.....	Mrs. Lloyd E. Warner.....	816	6,726	1,104	55	15,874	13	2.20	2,014	91	2,105	1,031	816	2,083	1.04	
1,503	Paynesville.....	Mrs. G. E. Johnson.....	648	4,689	479	28	9,750	6.4	15	1,600	21	1,621	772	748	1,609	1.07	
1,937	Pine City.....	Mrs. Eleanor Hinge.....	1,101	5,162	1,174	61	9,563	4.9	12	3.00	2,281	60	2,321	1,101	1,047	2,409	1.24
1,298	Pine Island.....	Mrs. Clara E. Dickman.....	13,800	10,465	1,892	76	12,181	9.3	3.75	2,781	3,843	6,604	367	3,800	4,727	3.64	
1,524	Plainview.....	Mrs. Vernie Herman.....	1,020	4,980	689	42	7,747	5.0	20	2.16	1,532	64	1,616	483	1,084	1,636	1.07
1,399	Preston.....	Mrs. Dora E. Klein.....	840	5,191	530	29	4,819	3.4	12	1,282	42	1,324	370	840	1,363	.97	
1,733	Red Lake Falls.....	Harold Spears.....	7,942	.....	.....	.....	8,237	41	.....	300	676	300	390	.....	360	.21
2,231	Roseau.....	Mrs. Pearl Lundquist.....	1,478	4,756	1,088	49	12,942	5.8	27	2.85	1,514	2,190	435	1,620	2,121	.95
1,270	Rushford.....	Mrs. Roy Stepians.....	360	6,932	188	14	8,145	6.4	24	.....	5	5	352	360	2,371	1.87
1,548	Sandstone.....	Mrs. Carl Benedett.....	960	6,157	463	21	9,316	6.0	1.50	1,000	821	1,821	720	1,001	1,814	1.17	
1,097	Sandstone.....	Mrs. Quay B. Martin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,857	Slayton.....	Mrs. John W. Keyser.....	1,250	5,891	958	37	15,666	8.3	25	3,028	.....	3,028	1,230	1,250	3,028	1.60
2,467	Spring Valley.....	Mrs. Bertha Rafferty.....	1,140	2,296	1,280	48	12,220	4.9	3.00	2,000	236	2,236	771	1,219	2,492	1.01	
1,193	Stewartville.....	Mrs. Elvina Smith.....	1,170	3,973	1,091	91	7,548	6.3	3.10	2,000	328	2,328	367	1,170	1,863	1.56	
1,121	Tyler.....	Mrs. Eugene Wells.....	420	2,006	300	27	4,360	4.0	2.00	914	25	939	251	420	878	.78	
2,468	Wabasha.....	Mrs. C. C. Smith.....	1,023	5,070	320	33	10,512	4.1	1.00	1,900	36	1,936	594	1,162	2,045	.83	
1,192	Walker.....	Florence E. Nelson.....	900	2,842	506	35	5,785	10 1/2	1.00	1,484	149	1,633	208	960	1,541	1.20	
1,779	Warren.....	Mrs. Clara Urtas.....	204	2,404	520	38	5,749	4	.....	50	317	367	228	85	402	.23
1,627	Waterville.....	Mrs. Hazel M. Amundson.....	300	4,295	520	33	3,581	10	.....	504	26	530	300	300	459	.28
2,127	Winnebago.....	Florence Deamon.....	1,200	4,518	2,188	84	3,060	2.8	12	1,400	.....	1,400	137	1,200	1,492	.70
1,686	Zumbrota.....	Mrs. Ann C. Clark.....	1,500	8,332	1,427	50	18,048	10.7	12	3,400	140	3,540	1,728	1,518	4,356	2.58	

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	Less Than 1,000 Population															
929	Baudette.....	Mrs. O. Engh.....	360	4,052	468	50	7,665	8.2	4 1/2	700	137	837	502	360	862	.93
659	Belgrade.....	Mrs. E. P. Poverud.....	267	2,331	286	43	1,637	2.4	10		536	1,536	246	267	689	1.04
732	Blackduck.....	Jean Cox.....	No report	t receive d.												
735	Browerville.....	Mrs. Mary Woslowski.....	120	2,969	180	24	2,905	3.9	5	209		209	48	120	168	.23
854	Calumet.....	Sophie Njegovan.....	1,440	6,616	360	33	5,912	6.9	28	1,442	445	1,887	640	1,243	2,212	11
650	Carlton.....	Mrs. H. V. LeMaster.....	660	3,578	205	28	4,425	6.8	12	1,084	16	1,100	565	660	1,285	1.98
981	Edgerton.....	Mrs. Anna Brockhouse.....	325	2,989	979		6,405	6.6	6	667	52	719	115	326	536	.56
962	Graceville.....	Mrs. John R. Daly.....	660	6,057	353	20	10,348	10.7	8	1,592	73	1,665	698	660	1,714	1.78
766	Grand Meadow.....	Mrs. Ada Schleiger.....	550	2,176	263	34	3,512	4.5	10	1,076	95	1,171	220	550	1,058	1.38
762	Henderson.....	Margaret Foltz.....		5,923	187	25	2,060	2.7	6	636	6	642	390		948	1.24
902	Hinckley.....	Mrs. Anna E. Burk.....	960	3,735	831	46	11,523	12.7	25	1,621	90	1,711	397	960	1,383	1.53
931	Howard Lake.....	Mrs. Marge Rausch.....	442	4,970	345	37	8,615	9.2	7	816		816	376	442	840	.90
828	Ironton.....	Mrs. Gladys Sundt.....	720	5,123	625	72	5,459	6.5	8	1,013	15	1,028	186	900	1,090	1.32
612	Kinney.....	Mrs. Helen Hellman.....	584	8,262	261	77	5,676	9.2	19	2,455	30	2,485	355	1,186	1,758	2.87
863	Lake Benton.....	Mrs. Marie Enke.....	420	4,201	582	69	4,368	5.0	13	1,519	90	1,609	222	420	1,690	1.04
959	Le Roy.....	Elizabeth Ann Price.....	556	4,313	394	35	3,365	1.2	2	670	23	693	248	556	1,287	1.34
729	Lindstrom.....	Mrs. M. D. Haferman.....	180	2,031	444	59	936	1.2	2	514	20	534	80	180	259	.36
831	McIntosh.....	Dolores Narveson.....	475	2,324	218	22	5,149	5.8	12	707	73	780	498	475	1,073	1.22
196	McKinley.....	Mrs. H. Stenson.....		2,703	102	52	1,311	6.6	6	650	27	660	332	320	1,242	6.34
867	Marble.....	Mrs. Harry Docken.....	1,500	5,390	525	50	5,223	6.0	25 1/2	1,503	10	1,510	358	1,541	1,930	11
507	Maynard.....	Mrs. A. E. Hartzell.....	No report	t receive d.												
949	Morgan.....	Mrs. Frances F. Murdock.....	1,265	4,774	661	70	17,808	18.7	26	872	1,380	2,252	636	1,301	2,405	2.53
520	Taylor Falls.....	Dorothy Starken.....	300	5,619	194	37	2,601	5.0	9	659	30	689	294	300	727	1.40
693	Wabasso.....	Lucille Schilling.....	600	4,161	459	66	5,040	7.2	14	403	1,534	1,937	223	600	1,862	2.69
837	Watertown.....		230	1,718			3,123	3.7	7	400	58	458	250	230	498	.60

¹See statistics on county and/or rural school service.¹¹Not computed as county figures are included in total.¹²No tax levied. Receives appropriation from general fund.¹³Endowment funds.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE, 1958

COUNTY	Popu- lation Served	LIBRARY	LIBRARIAN	Book Stock	Reg- istered County Borrow- ers	Circu- lation	Circu- lation Per Capita	DISTRIB- UTING POINTS		Book- ma- trices	RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURES			
								Branches	Sta- tions		County Income	Tax Levy in Mills	State Aid	Books, peri- odicals, Binding & Aud. Vis.	Salaries or Service	Total	Ex- pendi- tures Per Capita
Anoka ¹	20,008	Anoka Co. Lib., Spring Lake Pt. 2	George Gardner	10,541	1,269	100,864	5.63	0	0	1	13,548	1.00	58,102	27,817	11,322	49,084	2.45
Blue Earth	19,518	Blue Earth Co. Lib., Mankato	Mrs. Margaret Crosswell	37,770	4,975	100,864	5.63	2	12	1	15,699	1.00	17,900	4,624	12,720	18,873	1.97
Clay	15,493	Moorehead Public Library	Mrs. Bernhard Jacobson	18,790	2,958	63,928	4.12	0	4	1	15,600	1.40	15,350	6,099	10,104	19,005	1.23
Dakota	24,648	Farmington Public Library	Mrs. Coral I. Hennola	4	4	4	4	0	0	0	800	0	0	4	4	4	4
Grant	9,542	South St. Paul Public Library	Mrs. Dorothy Jordstad	4	661	4,802	19	0	0	0	1,500	0	0	4	4	4	4
Hennepin	144,682	Edgewood Lake Library	Mrs. Lloyd Haroldson	180,941	56,263	1,002,270	7.06	25	40	2	346,039	2.50	0	70,656	750	750	750
Isanti	12,123	Hennepin Co. Lib., Minneapolis	Helen A. Young	9,864	2,879	28,287	2.33	0	11	0	9,009	2.00	0	70,656	163,163	358,417	2.48
Itasca	14,305	Isanti Co. Lib., Cambridge	Mrs. W. H. Niemann	30,971	1,275	30,106	2.10	4	9	0	9,938	2.00	0	1,877	4,518	7,065	1.58
Kanabec	9,192	Coleraine Public Library	Mrs. J. C. Martin	8,968	1,275	16,470	1.79	0	4	0	1,522	50	0	Report not received	0	0	0
Kandiyohi	25,644	Kandiyohi County-Willmar Lib.	Burton L. Sundberg	32,765	6,053	90,936	3.18	4	9	1	22,734	2.00	20,845	596	977	1,630	1.18
Koochiching	10,641	International Falls Pub. Lib.	Marie Knudson	4	2,080	30,012	2.82	0	9	0	2,475	2.00	0	13,040	21,615	41,403	1.44
Lake	3,381	Two Harbors Public Library	Mrs. Alice W. Hamilton	4	1,211	4	4	0	0	0	2,641	1.08	0	4	4	4	4
Lyon	12,036	Marshall-Lyon Co. Library	Mrs. R. B. Stevens, Sr.	27,971	4,175	81,379	4.54	0	12	0	12,012	0	0	3,428	14,118	18,778	1.05
Martin	17,462	Martin Co. Library, Fairmont	Edwin J. Hughes	33,964	1,021	90,340	5.17	0	15	0	30,756	1.80	8,750	5,848	16,195	25,178	1.61
Mower	14,358	Litchfield Public Library	Mrs. Gertrude Johnson	4	942	13,380	9.2	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	4	4	4	4
Nobles	22,435	Nobles Co. Library, Worthington	Wayne R. Bassett	38,407	6,423	113,750	5.07	0	13	1	36,876	2.00	17,830	11,984	23,123	43,928	1.95
Olustee	17,150	Rochester Public Library	Lucille Gottry	4	3,070	39,263	2.31	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	4	4	4	4
Pennington	6,039	Thief River Falls Pub. Library	Frances Shanahan	4	4	4	4	0	0	0	1,250	0	0	4	4	4	4
Ramsey ¹	36,089	Ramsey Co. Library, St. Paul	Mrs. Ruth E. Palmer	70,630	10,616	144,954	4.05	2	4	1	76,126	2.08	0	12,460	44,277	74,183	2.07
St. Louis	48,732	Duluth Public Library	Mrs. Lauretta Orren	4	2,971	53,020	0	32	4	0	9,060	0	0	2,913	6,547	10,456	0
Stearns	43,257	Hibbing Public Library	Mrs. Ruth Nankervis	9,595	1,095	10,394	0	6	6	0	5,460	0	0	1,599	3,982	5,581	0
Steele	10,964	Virginia Public Library	Mrs. Katherine Moore	4	2,530	51,880	0	27	0	0	7,890	0	0	2,008	4,421	7,860	0
Wadena	14,957	Wadena Public Library	Mrs. Emmett Sund	23,459	2,182	28,425	1.35	0	7	1	6,450	1.50	16,200	1,150	4,560	6,345	60
Washington	22,696	Wadena Co. Library, St. Cloud	Mary C. Baker	4	8,495	58,388	1.37	0	0	0	25,214	1.50	0	956	15,606	27,064	60
		Owatonna Public Library	Erana M. Stadler	38,037	799	19,055	4.89	2	5	1	5,041	60	16,000	8,330	13,211	27,123	1.81
		Willard J. Donahue	4,412	73,196	4.89	22,566	0	0	0	1	7,000	0	16,000	1,427	3,058	6,843	30
		Stillwater Public Library	Gertrude Glennon	11,009	5,021	41,981	1.85	3	3	1	100	0	0	4	4	4	4
		Newport Public Library	Frances Armstrong	4	700	26,090	2.60	0	0	0	100	0	0	4	4	4	4
		Forest Lake Library	Mrs. M. A. Erickson	20,169	700	26,090	2.60	1	8	0	9,163	1.00	0	2,468	5,361	9,751	97
Totals	555,372			602,951		2,242,197								179,380		762,326	

¹Has County Library Board.²New library in process of establishment.³Bovey, Calumet, Keweenaw, Marble, Nashauk and Taconite also receive county funds for on-site-counter service. Total county fund reported is \$9,938.⁴Public and county library statistics not kept separately.⁵No tax levied. Receives appropriation from county treasury.⁶Received 1.00 mill from county, 4.15 mills from City of Willmar.⁷Received 1.03 mills from the county; 2.21 mills from City of Marshall.⁸Received 2.00 mills from county; 3.00 mills from city of Waseca.⁹Koochiching grant will appear in next fiscal year report.

ASSOCIATION LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1958

PLACE	Population	Book Stock	Circulation	RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
				Village	Other	Total	Per Capita
Anandale.....	809	1,967	.....	200	214	375	.46
Askov.....	387	1,945	934	60	21	81	.21
Bagley.....	1,554	969	2,731	450	449	723	.47
Buffalo Lake.....	724 ¹	900	472	.....	37	50	.07
Cannon Falls.....	1,831	3,822	3,811	600	70	450	.25
Canton.....	459	1,019	818	87	52	195	.43
Cass Lake.....	1,936	2,827	2,936	.....	400	522	.27
Chaska.....	2,008	4,850	5,160	480	77	595	.30
Comfrey.....	642	504	970	.....	136	83	.13
Cook.....	482	1,591	4,708	540	233	768	1.59
Deerwood.....	572 ¹	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dodge Center.....	1,151	.....	2,019	938	31	1,084	.94
Elbow Lake ²	1,398	10,155	4,737	240	643	1,036	.74
Elmore.....	1,074	2,250	3,000	218	17	120	.11
Franklin.....	546 ¹	478	.....	.....	25	25	.05
Hancock.....	852	2,116	5,568	340	4	234	.27
Harmony.....	1,022	3,185	2,810	65	206	292	.29
Hayfield.....	805	.....	250	.....	15	.....	.....
Hector.....	1,196 ¹	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hendricks.....	781	.....	.....	.....	125	125	.16
Jasper.....	840 ¹	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kelliher.....	336	505	.....	.....	67	38	.11
Lanesboro.....	1,100	4,380	2,740	420	479	497	.45
Le Center.....	1,314	2,000	4,748	567	17	393	.30
Mabel.....	788	2,875	.....	150	25	247	.31
McGregor.....	322	1,800	300	26	5	93	.29
Mahnomon.....	1,464 ¹	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milaca.....	1,917 ¹	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	.....
Nerstrand.....	228	4,493	5,517	100	286	509	2.23
New York Mills.....	977 ¹	.....	300	25	25	22	.02
Pelican Rapids.....	1,676 ¹	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Perham.....	1,926	4,475	6,600	300	38	337	.18
Peterson.....	318	1,485	.....	60	.....	60	.19
Rose Creek.....	314	1,050	400	100	.....	60	.19
Royalton.....	500 ¹	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rush City.....	1,175	2,037	1,015	200	20	213	.18
Ruthton.....	554	2,400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shafer.....	127	.....	.....	.....	52	52	.41
Swanville.....	373	1,000	.....	225	5	230	.62
Waconia.....	1,569	2,164	4,126	240	83	278	.18
West Concord.....	770	1,511	1,813	200	25	206	.27
Westbrook.....	1,017	2,470	70	200	17	238	.23
Wheaton.....	1,948 ¹	950	.....	.....	225	112	.06
Williams.....	414 ¹	1,000	70	.....	10	10	.02
Winthrop.....	1,251 ¹	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Totals.....	43,427	75,173	68,623	7,031	4,172	10,353	.....
Population served.....	29,402	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

¹Because of low per capita expenditures (less than 10c) this figure is not included in Population Served.²See table on county library service.

GRANTS-IN-AID, JULY 1, 1957 - JUNE 30, 1958

LIBRARY	Population Served (1950 Census)	GRANT FUNDS BY PURPOSE				Total Grant	Local Funds
		Salaries and Wages	Books and Materials	Equipment	Other Operating		
Anoka County Library.....	20,008 ¹	29,400 ²	12,680	12,200 ⁴	3,822	58,102	10,466
Blue Earth County Library.....	19,518 ²	1,400	5,000	9,500 ⁴	2,000	17,900	20,740
Clay County Library.....	15,493 ²	3,800	7,350	2,500	1,700	15,350	15,600
Kandiyohi County-Willmar Public Library.....	28,644	6,295	5,500	8,000	1,050	20,845	30,886
Koochiching County Library.....	16,910	1,200	4,800	1,400	150	7,550	27,879
Martin County Library.....	17,462 ¹	500	4,350	2,900	1,000	8,750	31,500
Nobles County Library.....	22,435	1,550	10,500	5,530 ⁴	250	17,830	36,150
Stearns County Library.....	43,257 ¹	1,400	10,000	4,200	600	16,200	25,272
Waseca County Library.....	14,957	600	3,200	11,200 ⁴	1,000	16,000	24,735
Totals.....	198,684	46,145	63,380	57,430	11,572	178,527	233,228 ³

¹Does not include cities with independent libraries.²Does not include city over 10,000 population.³Since salaries did not start until July, a large proportion was transferred to books and equipment.⁴Includes all or part of cost of bookmobile.⁵Increase over 1956 expenditures: \$26,369.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1958

SUMMARY

POPULATION DIVISIONS	Number of Libraries	Population Served	BOOK COLLECTIONS		CIRCULATION		EXPENDITURES			
			Number of Volumes in Libraries	Volumes Per Capita	Number of Volumes Loaned	Circulation Per Capita	Books, Peri- odicals, Binding and Aud. Vis.	Per Capita Expenditures, Books, Peri- odicals, Binding	Total Operating Expenses	Expenditures Per Capita
Public Libraries:										
Serving over 50,000 population.	3	937,578	1,737,132	1.85	5,706,584	6.0	376,825	.40	2,878,375	3.07
Serving 10,000-50,000 population	16	270,740	633,208	2.33	1,779,196	6.5	112,826	.42	560,437	2.07
Serving 5,000-10,000 population	23	163,185	403,190	2.48	1,049,839	6.4	56,176	.34	309,240	1.90
Serving 2,500-5,000 population.	31	105,816	279,773	2.64	665,452	6.2	34,100	.32	122,955	1.16
Serving 1,000-2,500 population.	63	102,880	334,836	3.25	493,912	4.8	35,512	.35	132,315	1.29
Serving less than 1,000 population	25	19,284	96,015	4.93	125,066	6.4	7,877	.41	26,726	1.39
Giving county service.....	25	585,372	602,951	.....	2,242,197	.....	179,280	.....	762,326	.....
Association Libraries.....	45	29,402	75,173	.....	68,623	.....	.....	.....	10,353	.....
State Institution Libraries.....	19	.....	222,731	.....	312,719	.....	19,218	.....	83,108	.....
On the basis of population.....	.....	2,214,257	4,385,009	1.98	12,443,588	5.6	821,816	.37	4,885,835	2.21
On the basis of total population	.....	2,982,483	4,385,009	1.47	12,443,588	4.1	821,816	.28	4,885,835	1.65

Number of Libraries

Public libraries maintained by tax support or public funds.....	161
Libraries organized as separate county units..... ¹	9
Public libraries maintained by Associations.....	45
State Institution libraries.....	19
Total	234

Population of Minnesota (87 counties).....2,982,483

With Public Library Service

Population served by public libraries.....	1,599,483
Population served through county service.....	585,372
Population served by Association libraries.....	29,402

Total population served (74.3%).....2,214,257

Without Public Library Service

Total population not served (25.7%)..... 768,226²

¹Nine organized as county libraries. In addition 16 public libraries give county service.

²Included previously in separate tables for towns and cities.

³Based on 1950 census. New library establishment will change this figure substantially in next year's statistics.

CONTRACT SERVICE TO RURAL SCHOOLS

School Year 1957-1958

COUNTY	CONTRACTING AGENCY	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Books Purchased	INCOME			EXPENDITURES		
					Books	Supplies	Other	Books	Supplies	Other
Becker	Detroit Lakes Public Library	40	806	829	\$1,612.00	\$78.00	\$731.55*	\$1,860.49	\$44.25	\$400.48
Beltrami	Benidji Public Library	14	545	224	600.00	100.00	1,245.28*	412.14	72.25	230.04
Benton	St. Cloud Public Library	14 ¹	264	219	532.00	28.00	2.34	532.39	28.00	1.95
Big Stone	Office of County Superintendent	14	234	139	468.00	29.00		471.74		
Blue Earth	Blue Earth County Library	13 ²	525	277	504.00	34.00		504.00	34.00	
Clay	Clay County Library	4	87	138	174.00	10.00		183.70		
Hubbard	Office of County Superintendent	11	388	170	297.70		460.33*	344.66	3.15	41.65
Kandiyohi	Kandiyohi County Library	51	873	707	1,746.00	102.00		1,746.00	102.00	
Lac qui Parle	Madison Public Library	13	146	65	187.00	32.00		187.00	32.00	
Lake of the Woods	Office of County Superintendent	6	80	102	236.41	55.32	466.40	236.41	55.32	466.40
Lyon	Marshall-Lyon County Library	2	55	52	114.00			114.00		
Martin	Martin County Library	20	252	102	396.00	200.00		396.00	200.00	
Mower	Austin Public Library	8 ³	124	74	186.00	62.00		186.00	62.00	
Nobles	Nobles County Library	10	531	970	1,062.00		248.00	1,062.00		248.00
Pennington	Thief River Falls Public Library	12 ⁴	443	133	215.00		1,320.14*	2,010.30		115.14
Polk	Office of County Superintendent	25	476	362	920.00		99.09*	212.87		
Ramsey	Ramsey County Library	3	6,267	4,048	12,534.20*	438.00	161.83*	584.30	25.83	196.19
Red Lake	Office of County Superintendent	10	122	35	264.45		100.09*	134.33		
Redwood	Redwood Falls Public Library	18	518	480	1,076.00	140.00	916.50*	1,109.49	12.00	717.70
Roseau	Office of County Superintendent	12	782	392	501.63	186.67	1,175.41*	509.23	121.88	611.20
Stearns	Stearns County Library	112	3,006	2,294	5,861.00		655.00	5,930.48	186.67	918.96
Steele	Owatonna Public Library	54	931	922	1,369.50	108.00	923.22*	1,562.35	108.00	730.37
Waseca	Waseca County Library	13	216	173	340.50	12.00		340.50	12.00	
Washington	Washington County Library	1	90	73	115.50			115.50		
Watsonwan	Watsonwan County Library	25	413	291	419.00	250.00	50.00	462.52	50.00	193.34

*Combines balance from previous year.

¹Includes 3 schools in Sherburne County.²Includes 1 school in Nicollet County.³Includes 3 schools in Freeborn County.⁴Includes 1 graded elementary school.

COLLEGE LIBRARY STATISTICS 1957/58

	Faculty	Enroll-ment	Book Stock	Volumes Added 1957-58	News-papers Received	Peri-odicals Re-ceived	EXPENDITURES				Ratio Library Expense to Total	SALARIES					
							Books Per Bind.	B. P. B. Per Student	Total Operating Expend.	Expend. Per Student		Total Expend. College	Chief Librarian	Professional		Total Staff	Student Service
														Maximum	Minimum		
LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES																	
75	Augsburg College	813	31,505	1,553	5	340	\$6,321	\$7.76	\$21,652	\$26.62	\$779,462	\$5,555	\$4,000		\$11,348	\$2,789	
49	Bethel College and Seminary	653	52,925	2,735	10	392	9,905	17.01	28,073	41.28	1,755,225	4,700			12,238	4,575	
80	Carlson College	966	155,314	5,453	19	548	18,930	19.60	54,574	53.57	1,555,058				29,333	1,606	
106	Concordia College (Moorhead)	1,504	55,559	4,967	12	348	13,789	9.17	34,570	23.18	1,040,681		5,200	\$4,400	16,213	3,012	
77	Gustavus Adolphus College	1,075	76,033	2,832	10	336	13,114	12.20	37,556	34.66	901,619	7,700			19,904	2,949	
102	Hamline University	1,189	70,007	3,419	7	327	11,595	9.75	32,442	28.95	833,000	4,200	3,000		18,904	2,526	
116	Macalester College	1,608	70,172	4,436	19	327	12,131	7.58	59,046	38.72	1,397,371	4,200			30,208	9,971	
19	Northwestern College	352	15,942	586	2	100	2,910	8.27	11,917	33.57	303,325	4,200			6,121	1,846	
38	St. Benedict College	365	28,516	1,584	12	309	5,575	15.25	9,190	25.18	918,651	10,695	6,785	4,715	32,000	2,554	
77	St. Catherine College of	973	92,378	3,928	23	570	22,361	23.00	62,667	64.41	918,651	10,695	6,785	4,715	32,000	2,554	
68	St. Thomas College	753	49,000	1,842	16	365	18,202	11.00	33,293	44.00	622,238	7,000	5,144	4,500	21,743	1,300	
97	St. Thomas College of	1,333	60,246	2,497	8	455	17,108	12.83	51,809	38.87	1,053,437	7,000			29,315	3,645	
70	St. John's University	1,116	108,101	4,460	20	733	14,744	13.21	42,782	32.95	765,587	7,900			25,011	1,740	
82	St. Mary's College	407	40,075	2,030	12	400	8,994	11.44	25,808	33.94	914,390	5,831	4,900	4,700	36,060	1,399	
125	St. Olaf College	1,830	143,824	5,878	8	520	17,485	9.80	62,612	34.00	1,252,723	5,800	4,900	4,700	36,060	1,400	
59	St. Scholastica College of	350	41,018	942	5	265	5,678	16.22			1,750,000	6,850	6,072	4,272	16,370	1,219	
145	University of Minn.—Duluth	2,153	61,661	4,899	9	720	21,186	9.84	72,084	33.48	1,750,000	6,850	6,072	4,272	39,844	8,052	
STATE COLLEGES																	
74	Bemidji	837	38,351	1,935	12	283	8,698	10.39	33,095	39.50	853,757	6,400			21,739	1,857	
183	Mankato	3,285	61,657	5,046	7	526	33,945	7.28	70,130	21.34	1,732,000	7,600			43,363	2,821	
83	Moorhead	948	41,620	2,874	10	363	9,787	10.32	33,007	34.82	797,634	5,700	5,173		20,570	3,375	
190	St. Cloud	2,316	98,742	5,148	14	525	20,428	8.95	81,199	33.15	1,556,135	8,400	6,000		50,786	3,464	
75	Winona	947	47,416	2,686	12	374	10,067	10.63	34,943	36.59	790,000	8,400			20,050	2,718	
JUNIOR COLLEGES																	
16	Austin	343	4,018	235	4	65	980	2.75	7,570	21.60	100,000	3,144			6,000	400	
14	Bethany (Mankato)	206	7,176	300	2	79	1,111	5.40	4,511	21.90	100,000	3,144			3,144	200	
34	Concordia (St. Paul)	460	28,011	880	6	106	2,069	4.93	6,787	14.75	608,986	3,500			3,500	922	
31	Dr. Martin Luther	249	12,789	2,223	6	77	2,223	8.92	14,493	58.20	265,525	4,500	3,600	2,400	12,000	270	
9	Eveleth	81	9,944	286	7	07	2,240	3.00	4,340	50.00	64,700	6,751			10,434	285	
31	Hibbing	512	8,568	333	5	97	2,728	5.33	9,543	18.64	96,000	6,200			6,530	535	
20	Isasa	100	10,401	302	7	66	2,727	1.92	9,345		96,000	6,200			6,530	535	
20	Rochester	485	9,671	251	2	97	1,550	3.20	11,356	41.00	171,630	7,420			7,420	375	
22	Virginia	277	23,890	212	4	150	2,104	7.60	11,356	41.00	171,630	6,380			6,380	511	
SEMINARIES																	
28	Luther	530	52,000	388	5	325	7,091	13.00	23,856	48.00	320,000	5,100	4,100		14,000	1,451	

Elmer L. Andersen, *Chairman*



Mrs. Agatha L. Klein,
Executive Director

National Library Week - - April 12 - 18, 1959

SPONSORED NATIONALLY BY:

American Library Association and the National Book Committee.

SPONSORED IN MINNESOTA BY:

The committee at the left representing business, labor, the Legislature, church groups and organizations. Former State Senator Elmer L. Andersen is chairman.

COOPERATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Junior Chambers of Commerce; General Federation of Women's Clubs, National Education Association, National Congress of Parents and Teachers; Kiwanis International, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, National Council of the Churches of Christ, National Council of Catholic Men, National Council of Catholic Women, National Council of Jewish Women, American Bookseller's Association, Magazine Publisher's Association, and many others.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To remind Minnesotans that reading will help them to explore and satisfy their need for information and recreation.
2. To urge Minnesotans to use more fully libraries of all kinds.
3. To inform Minnesotans about the services and needs of libraries.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED:

National Library Week will be noted by programs of organizations centered on reading and libraries; over radio and TV; in newspapers and magazines; through window displays in stores and community centers and by every library with special programs and exhibits.

A LUNCHEON ON APRIL 13 IN COFFMAN MEMORIAL UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WILL FEATURE DR. BERGEN EVANS, NOTED AUTHOR AND TV

STAR, AS SPEAKER FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK. TICKET INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM MRS. KLEIN (ADDRESS ABOVE).

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Present a program in your organization during April on books, reading and the library's services and needs.
2. Contact your local librarian for news of activities for NLW.
3. Foster reading in your own home.
4. Encourage friends to read.
5. Visit your library — use its services; help it to grow and give better service.

SPEAKER SUGGESTIONS:

1. Your local librarian of school, public, college or special library.
2. A teacher, principal, superintendent or student reader.
3. A community leader or individual who uses the library or a resident who has an outstanding home library.
4. A representative of one of the cooperating organizations listed above.

PUBLICITY MATERIALS:

Ask your local librarian for publicity materials or purchase them from the Minnesota Committee for NLW, 90 W. 4th St., St. Paul 2, or from the National Library Week, 24 West 40th St., New York 18.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE:

Paper posters, cardboard mounted posters, streamers, bookmarks, table tents or place mats for luncheons, spot announcements, transcripts and slides for radio and TV, and newspaper mats.

WRITE OR CALL your local librarian or the Executive Director of the Minnesota Committee (address on letterhead) for more information on activities, for specific suggestions of speakers, for displays and announcements.

"A Tribute to Maud van Buren, Pioneer Librarian"

ERANA M. STADLER
Librarian, Owatonna Free Public Library

Owatonna, a little city on the banks of the Straight River in southern Minnesota, once chosen as a "typical American city" by the Carnegie Foundation and the University of Minnesota, has produced an unusual number of librarians for a community of its size. That this is true can be attributed in large measure to the influence of Maud van Buren, a pioneer librarian in Minnesota.

Miss van Buren died in Owatonna on January 2, 1958, at the age of eighty-nine. Although she was physically frail, her mind was still keen and alert. She retained her interest in the world, which had changed so radically in her lifetime, until the end. She was revered by the community and by those who had worked with her.

A native of Wisconsin, she taught school before attending Pratt Library School. She was librarian of the Owatonna Public Library from 1902-1906 and again from 1920-1936. She served the Mankato Public Library from 1906-1911. At various times she taught summer sessions at several library schools and from 1911-1913 was an instructor at the Wisconsin Library School and field visitor for the Wisconsin Library Commission. In 1906 she was president of the Minnesota Library Association. She edited *Quotations for Special Occasions* published in 1938, and with Katharine Bemis, edited a number of collections of holiday stories.

Miss van Buren always followed with much interest the careers of the young people who through her had discovered the rewards of working with books and people, and kept in touch with many of them through the years.

Elsie Phillips Heyl, now Librarian of the State Museum at the University of Arizona and formerly in the Fine Arts Department of the Enoch Pratt Free Library writes:

"Miss van Buren had a great feeling for people and a strong conviction in the importance of library work. It was impossible to work with her and not catch her constant enthusiasm and sense of dedication for her profession.

"She had a great flair for management and efficiency and carefully trained her staff in the principles of thoroughness and good working habits, the basic mechanics which are so necessary to an orderly functioning of a library. She was an astute and canny business woman. Above all she had the ability to instill in those who worked with her an insight into the primary function of libraries, that of relating books to people, and a belief in the tremendous impact which reading can effect upon a community, of how it can broaden its life and free and raise the level of its thinking.

"She was primarily an educator, not only of those librarians whom she trained, but more importantly, of those whom she served. It is old-fashioned in these days to speak of ideals in reference to public service (she has been referred to as a 'gentlewoman of the old school') yet today it is perhaps the thing most needful to be stressed in library service and without doubt it was her most important contribution to those whom she trained.

"She had a warm affection for all who worked with her and a lively sense of humor which somehow lightened the superhuman work load we all carried. She always demanded the best her staff could give, work of top-drawer quality, and the result was priceless self-development, as she knew it would be."

These sentiments were repeated many times over in letters received from others who had worked with Miss van Buren. At one time a limited number of High School students were offered a special course in Library Science at the Owatonna Library during their junior and senior year. Several of these students went on to Library School and a professional career.

Others were recruited through various contacts. Helen Todd Miller of Ellendale, Minnesota who graduated from the University of Minnesota Library School writes:

"Miss van Buren came to Ellendale (Steele County) to start a county branch library. She spoke before the high school assembly and asked for a volunteer li-

brarian. At once, I volunteered and my interest in library work began then and there. Her convincing talk and the charming way she stressed the necessity of reading only emphasized my own keen interest in books. A closed book case was built in our local postoffice and there I checked in and out the books from the Owatonna County Library. My trips to the library to choose new books for our shelves were wonderful experiences for me all through my four years in high school. Always concerned over the reading habits of the young, Miss van Buren helped to select a good assortment."

Reaching people through books becomes a lifetime habit. Donna Rosebrock Markley, a former librarian of the Owatonna Public Library and a graduate of the Minnesota Library School, now living with her husband in Sacramento writes:

"Since our retirement from the Minneapolis School system the 'call of the library' has been restrained to patron enjoyment in various cities. At present we are in Sacramento contributing our services to a rehabilitation program in the Washington Neighborhood Center. This is an area of some 9,000 people without the benefit of a church of any denomination. The mixed population of Mexicans, Negroes, Italians and other nationalities is predominately migrant agricultural workers. Broken homes, alcoholism and narcotics make the problems seem insurmountable.

"This week I shall try story hours for the small children of the neighborhood. In the evenings my knitting seems to attract the ten to twelve year old girls who seem eager to try it. Now I will try reading from some good girl's book while they knit or paint. Their span of attention is very, very short. Probably this is far from library work, but I am sure my library experience and training may help me reach these children in some unforeseen way."


Miss van Buren's "recruits" have been a credit to her and to the library profession. Gertrude Kosmoski Sterba, a graduate of the Wisconsin Library School, was recently honored in Ponca City, Oklahoma for twenty-five years of service to that community. Under the direction the library has grown from a small Carnegie library of 10,000 volumes to its present place as one of the outstanding libraries in the Southwest. Mrs. Sterba still regards Miss van Buren as her "ideal librarian."

Wilma Adsit, Maxine Sperry, and Vanita Wesely, also graduates of the Wisconsin Library School all worked with Miss van Buren in one capacity or another. Miss Adsit and Miss Sperry have both held various positions on the staff of the Minneapolis Public Library. Miss Wesely held positions at the State Teachers College of Winona, and the state universities of Wyoming, Florida and Iowa and Northwestern University.

Gratia Dinsmore Dally is presently head of the Fairview Hospital Nursing School Library in Minneapolis. She took her library work at the University of Minnesota. Another graduate of the Minnesota Library School, Lucile Hunter, who had worked as an assistant to Miss van Buren for three years, is presently on the staff of the University of Minnesota Library. Florence Goff Clayton, Minnesota Library School, is now on the staff of the Public Library at Whittier, California.

There were undoubtedly others who directly or indirectly came under Miss van Buren's influence and Owatonna has through the years continued to supply a number of outstanding people to the library profession. It is a tradition to be cherished.

It may be said of her in the words of Henry Adams, "A teacher affects eternity . . . he can never tell where his influence stops."

Books make a  Home

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

Adult Books of 1958

Compiled by A. Rosemary Bowers

A selection of books for the small public library. Low budget libraries are urged to borrow expensive books from the State Library Division for examination before purchase. Librarians should check issues of the Book-List (American Library Association, subscription \$6.00 per year) when selecting books for purchase.

Non-Fiction

- Alvarez, Walter. *Live at peace with your nerves*. Prentice-Hall. 4.95. A Mayo Clinic consultant emeritus gives informal, helpful advice on nervous tension, its causes and effects, and how to deal with it.
- Angle, Paul. *The American reader, from Columbus to today*. Rand. 7.50. An anthology of letters, diaries, and other eyewitness accounts of large and small events in the history of America.
- Antrim, Doron. *Having fun with music*. Crowell. 3.95. A beginner's book for anyone who would like to play music as a hobby, gives simple instructions for reading music, playing various instruments, and generally enjoying music.
- Barnett, Clifford. *Poland: its people, its society, its culture*. Human Relations. 7.50. One of a useful series, the "Survey of world cultures," gives a brief view of history and a fuller account of twentieth century conditions under such headings as geography, religions, government, trade, social organization, and culture.
- Benson, Kenneth. *Creative crafts for children*. Prentice-Hall. 5.25. Intended primarily for camp and playground programs, this book is a treasury of directions for simple and different projects helpful for anyone directing children's activities.
- Berton, Pierre. *The Klondike fever; the life and death of the last great gold rush*. Knopf. 5.75. A complete and dramatic account of the gold rush of 1896-1899, combining carefully researched history and gripping adventure.
- Brittain, Robert. *Rivers, man and myths; from fish spears to water mills*. Doubleday. 4.50. A popularly written history of the role of rivers on the early history of mankind, of their great influence on the geographic and technical development of civilization.
- Canby, Edward. *High fidelity and the music lover*. Harper. 4.95. A technical subject of great current interest is treated readably by an expert. The major part of the book is concerned with hi-fi equipment—evaluation, choice, installation. Other chapters discuss stereophonic sound and tape recording.
- Clason, Clyde. *Exploring the distant stars; thrilling adventures in our galaxy and beyond*. Putnam. 5.00. An introduction to astronomy, giving a great deal of information in a lively, easily understood style.
- Cook, James. *Remedies and rackets; the truth about patent medicines today*. Norton. 3.75. A survey of patent medicines such as aspirin, vitamins, reducing pills—their extravagant advertising claims, their limited effectiveness, and their possible dangerousness.
- Cromie, Robert. *The great Chicago fire*. McGraw-Hill. 5.00. An exciting minute-by-minute report on the great disaster that left nearly 100,000 people homeless.
- Cunliffe, Marcus. *George Washington: man and monument*. Little. 4.00. A biography that shows Washington as a man, written not in the spirit of "debunking" but as an honest attempt to show the human being behind the monumental legend.
- Djilas, Milovan. *Land without justice*. Harcourt. 5.75. Telling of his early life in Montenegro, the author gives not only an absorbing story of himself but also a vivid account of history, legend, and life in his native country.
- Durrell, Laurence. *Bitter lemons*. Dutton. 3.50. Mr. Durrell went to Cyprus as a

- visitor, fell in love with the island, and stayed some years. He writes beautifully of his stay, and also shows the tragic and complicated situation that led to the revolution.
- Ferguson, David. *Complete book of the American musical theater*. Holt. 7.50. "A guide to more than 300 productions of the American musical theater from *The black crook* (1866) to the present, with plot, production history, stars, songs, composers, librettists, and lyricists." Subtitle.
- Ferguson, Charles. *Naked to mine enemies: the life of Cardinal Wolsey*. Little. 6.00. A sensitively written biography of the Cardinal of early Tudor times, whose ambition led him to political heights from which his final fidelity to his church plunged him to death.
- Frank, John. *Marble palace; the Supreme Court in American life*. Knopf. 5.00. A highly readable presentation of the Court, its history, its place in the government, and its operation.
- Freuchen, Peter, and Salomonsen, Finn. *The Arctic year*. Putnam. 5.95. A month-by-month description of the life and nature in the Arctic, fascinatingly written, and packed with information.
- Galbraith, John. *The affluent society*. Houghton. 5.00. A book on economics that is interesting to the layman as well as the professional. It points out the confusion resulting because economic principles that applied to an era of scarcity are still being invoked in our era of abundance, and offers a program of re-application.
- Gamow, George. *Matter, earth and sky*. Prentice-Hall. 10.00 A clearly-written introduction to the physical sciences, proceeding from such common things as levers and rainbows to the greater mysteries of atoms and space.
- Gantz, Charlotte. *Discovering nature; an introduction to the world outside*. Scribner. 3.95. A pleasant invitation to nature study, telling enthusiastically of the author's experiences and offering suggestions on how to become an amateur naturalist.
- Gavin, James. *War and peace in the space age*. Harper. 5.00. A former General in the U. S. Army writes an urgent plea for a more flexible military program that would provide means of fighting limited wars instead of relying wholly on nuclear weapons.
- Golden, Harry. *Only in America*. World. 4.00 A collection of short newspaper pieces giving original, warm, and humorous views on many facets of the American scene.
- Goodhart, Robert. *Nutrition for you*. Dutton. 4.50. A manual giving basic, sensible information on food values and our nutritional needs.
- Gunther, John. *Inside Russia today*. Harper. 5.95. Like Mr. Gunther's other *Inside* books, this is a highly readable and enlightening volume of information, factual details, historical background, anecdotes, and analysis.
- Hale, Nancy. *A New England girlhood*. Little. 3.75. Witty and charming reminiscences, giving a particular picture of life in Boston but also touched with memories of youth that will be familiar to readers anywhere.
- Hannum, Alberta. *Paint the wind*. Viking. 4.50. A sequel to *Spin a silver dollar* continues the story of the young Indian artist and of the changes in his life and in the Reservation where he lives.
- Holmes, David. *What's going on in space? A chronicle of man's exploration into space beyond this earth*. Funk. 3.95. Written by a Commander in the U. S. Navy, this book presents a clear and dramatic review of the development of the study of space and the satellite programs.
- Keats, John. *The insolent chariots*. Lippincott. 3.95. The author of *The crack in the picture window* turns his attention from suburbia to automobiles, and tells us vigorously and amusingly what is wrong with them.
- Kelso, Louis, and Adler, Mortimer. *The capitalist manifesto*. Random. 3.75. Taking a new look at the capitalist system, the authors offer a stimulating proposal for its improvement, based on methods for broadening the spread of ownership.
- King, Martin. *Stride toward freedom: the Montgomery story*. Harper. 2.95. The young minister who was the Negroes' spokesman during the bus boycott writes a dignified and straightforward account of the dispute and its outcome.
- Krutch, Joseph. *Grand Canyon: today and all its yesterdays*. Sloane. 5.00. A fascinating exploration of the great phenomenon,

- combining science, history, and personal pleasure.
- Maritain, Jacques. *Reflections on America*. Scribner. 3.50. In these days of criticism, suspicion, and doubt, a book of praise is a rare pleasure; and M. Maritain praises beautifully. One reviewer calls his book "The loveliest of Valentines America has ever received."
- Montgomery, Elizabeth. *The story behind popular songs*. Dodd. 3.00. Simple biographies of popular song writers, from Stephen Foster to the present, with sketches of the circumstances behind the writing of their most successful songs.
- Moraes, Francis. *Yonder one world; a study of Asia and the West*. Macmillan. 3.75. A native of India who has spent years in Europe and traveled extensively in the rest of the world, here explains Asia for the Western reader.
- Mulac, Margaret. *Family fun and activities*. Harper. 3.95. Suggestions for creative leisure within the family in many fields, from music to camping.
- Najafi, Najmeh. *Reveille for a Persian village*. Harper. 4.00. The author settled in a primitive Persian village and instituted a one-woman program to overcome its poverty, disease and illiteracy. This book is a warming account of her work and an example of how much can be accomplished.
- Nelson, Klondy. *Daughter of the Gold Rush*. Random. 3.50. The daughter of one of the Gold Rush stampedeers tells of the Alaska of her childhood, when her mother and she tried to follow the wanderings of the prospecting husband and father.
- Overstreet, Harry, and Overstreet, Bonaro. *What we must know about Communism*. Norton. 3.95. "A lucid, thorough, and forceful analysis of communist theory and practice and the communist threat to democracy." *Booklist*.
- Priolo, Jean. *Ceramics, and how to decorate them*. Sterling. 5.95. An attractive and helpful volume for the amateur craftsman, describes techniques and suggests designs.
- Redding, J. S. *Lonesome road; the story of the Negro's part in America*. Doubleday. 5.75. A history of the Negroes in the U. S. since the Civil War, told primarily through the lives of thirteen Negroes.
- Shebbeare, E. O. *Soondar Mooni: the life of an Indian elephant*. Houghton. 3.50. An engaging story of an elephant — its capture, training and life — told by a former Malaya game warden.
- Smith, Alexander. *The mushroom hunter's field guide*. Univ. of Mich. Pr. 4.95. An identification manual, with such information as which mushrooms are edible and where to find them, illustrated with photographs.
- Snow, Edgar. *Journey to the beginning*. Random. 5.00. Colorful autobiography of a news correspondent. Mr. Snow has been especially involved with reporting on China, and his book is particularly interesting for its account of events there as he watched them develop.
- Taylor, Norman. *The guide to garden flowers, their identity and culture; with 324 species illustrated in color and 88 in black and white*. Houghton. 4.95. A compact and comprehensive manual, well indexed and easy to use, with concise descriptions and directions for culture.
- Thomson, Ian. *The rise of modern Asia*. Pitman. 4.95. A history of Asia in the twentieth century, giving a brief summary of the early years and a fuller account of developments since World War II.
- Swanberg, W. A. *First blood; the story of Fort Sumter*. Scribner. 5.95. A vivid narrative of the days leading up to the start of the Civil War — the people involved, the tensions built up, and the final violence at Sumter.
- Van Doren, Mark. *Autobiography*. Harcourt. 5.00. The distinguished teacher-poet's reminiscences are a thoroughly enjoyable record of affectionate family life, warm friendships, and pleasant scholarship.
- Wagenknecht, Edward. *The seven worlds of Theodore Roosevelt*. Longmans. 6.50. Not just a biography but a lively portrayal of the many sides of T R's personality. The "seven worlds" considered are: action, thought, human relations, family, spiritual values, public affairs, and war and peace.
- Warren, Robert Penn. *Selected essays*. Random. 4.00. A poet and novelist's views on literature and other writers, including Faulkner, Hemingway, Frost, Wolfe, and Melville.

About Minnesota

- Bergh, Kit. *Minnesota fish and fishing; a practical and tested guide for successful fishing in the land of lakes with complete how, when, and where suggestions by an expert fisherman*. Denison. 3.95.
- Gopher historian. *Gopher reader; Minnesota's story in words and pictures, selections from the Gopher historian*. Minn. Hist. Soc. 3.00.
- Heilbron, Bertha. *The thirty-second state*. Minn. Hist. Soc. 8.95.
- Larsen, Erling. *Minnesota trails, a sentimental history; a personal view of Minnesota, with such state history as has helped in forming it*. Denison. 4.95.
- O'Connor, William. *A history of the arts in Minnesota: music and theater by John K. Sherman, books and authors by Grace Lee Nute, art and architecture by Donald R. Torbert*. Univ. of Minn. Press. 3.00.
- Oehler, Charles. *The great Sioux uprising*. Oxford. 5.00.
- Olson, Sigurd. *Listening Point*. Knopf. 4.50.
- Szarkowski, John. *The fact of Minnesota*. Univ. of Minn. Pr. 5.00.

Fiction

- Bentley, Phyllis. *Crescendo*. Macmillan. 3.75. A clerk's momentary carelessness triggers a series of small events that precipitate crises in several lives.
- Butler Suzanne. *Portrait of Peter West*. Little. 4.00. A marriage of convenience between a poor young artist and a wealthy girl creates new problems, personal and artistic, for both.
- Coatsworth, Elizabeth. *The white room*. Pantheon. 2.75. A short novel with a fairy-tale atmosphere, about the conflict between two sister-in-laws, for the happiness of a Maine farm family.
- Connell, Evan. *Mrs. Bridge*. Viking. 3.75. In a series of brief chapters, this book produces a vivid picture of a very ordinary woman, her marriage, her children, and her life.
- Cook, Roberta. *The thing about Clarissa*. Bobbs. 3.50. A happy, feather-light, gently satirical story of an eighteen-year-old graduate of a young ladies finishing school returning to her Ohio home in 1837.
- Dermout, Maria. *The ten thousand things*. Simon. 3.75. An unusual and beautifully written novel made up of an old woman's memories of her life on an island in the Moluccas.
- Eddy, Roger. *A family affair*. Crowell. 3.95. A poor young man marries the daughter of a millionaire family, enters the family business, and eventually becomes the head of both the family and the business.
- Ellis, William. *The Brooks legend*. Crowell. 4.95. A novel about frontier life in the Ohio Territory, where the need for doctors was desperate and where the hero, practicing medicine because of that need, was continually thwarted in his efforts to secure an official medical degree.
- Ferber, Edna. *Ice Palace*. Doubleday. 4.50. The story of Alaska, told through the lives of two men who go to Alaska with conflicting ideals and ambitions for themselves and the territory.
- Gary, Romain. *The roots of heaven*. Simon. 4.50. A fanatic Frenchman's crusade against the hunting of elephants in French Africa becomes such a crucial issue that the government orders his capture at any cost. Although primarily a novel of ideas, the story becomes one of high suspense as the hero's campaign progresses.
- Hall, Oakley. *Warlock*. Viking. 4.95. A serious Western novel about a gunman hired as marshal by the citizens of a frontier town beyond the reach of government policing. The tension mounts as the marshall realizes that he is trapped by his own skill — that every man feels challenged to face him because of his very invincibility, so that his victories can never be final.
- Krech, Hilda. *The other side of the day*. Knopf. 3.95. A novel about the housewife/career dilemma and about a young mother who, after devoting full time to a small son during his slow recovery from an accident, must learn to let him be independent.
- McGraw, Eloise. *Pharaoh*. Coward-McCann. 4.95. A vivid novel of ancient Egypt, when a woman usurped the throne and called herself Pharaoh.
- MacLean, Alistair. *South by Java Head*. Doubleday. 3.95. Adventure story of a group of people fleeing from Singapore before the Japanese advance in World War II.

Pasternak, Boris. *Doctor Zhivago*. Pantheon. 5.00. This much-discussed novel tells the story of the Russian Revolution and its aftermath through the life of an upper-class doctor.

Rayner, Denys. *The long fight*. Holt. 3.00. An exciting story of a three-day battle between a British and a French frigate in the Indian Ocean in 1808.

Silone, Ignazio. *The secret of Luca*. Harper. 3.50. An innocent man released after forty years in prison, returns to his Italian village home, and a young villager sets out to solve the mystery of his conviction.

Snow, Charles. *The conscience of the rich*. Scribner. 3.95. A sensitive story of a

wealthy English Jew and his son who is ashamed of his wealth.

Taylor, Robert. *The travels of Jaimie McPheeters*. Doubleday. 4.50. A fourteen-year-old boy and his doctor father cross the country in the '49 gold rush. A startling blend of humor and horror, as their wild adventures are reported in the boy's matter-of-fact narrative and the father's flowery journal.

White, Theodore. *The mountain road*. Sloane. 3.95. A thoughtful and still suspenseful novel about an American demolition team ordered to delay the advance of the Japanese in China in 1944.

Award Winners

The Newbery and Caldecott Awards for 1958 were announced in New York from the office of Frederic G. Melcher, donor of the awards, on March 20. They will be presented at a banquet in Washington on June 23, during the American Library Association Conference.

The Newbery Award goes this year to Elizabeth George Speare for her book, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, a story of Connecticut in Colonial days, published by Houghton Mifflin.

Runners-up: Natalie S. Carlson—*The Family under the Bridge*. Harper
Meinert DeJong—*Along Came a Dog*. Harper
Francis Kalnay—*Chucaro*. Harcourt
William O. Steele—*The Perilous Road*. Harcourt

The Caldecott Award goes to Barbara Cooney for her illustrations of *Chanticleer and the Fox*, modernized from Chaucer, and published by Crowell.

Runners-up: Antonio Frasconi—*The House that Jack Built*. Harcourt
Maurice Sendak—*What Do You Say, Dear?* Scott
Taro Yashima—*Umbrella*. Viking

Reading...the  to Success

S A L M A G U N D I

East Central Regional

Minnesota's second regional library became a reality on January 6, 1959, when the Boards of County Commissioners in Isanti, Mille Lacs and Pine Counties signed the agreement which created the East Central Regional Library. Each county has three members on the regional library board and the following were appointed by their respective Boards of County Commissioners: Mille Lacs County: Miss Grace Dunn, Princeton; Mrs. Frank Gudridge, Wahkon; and Mrs. Florence Wahl, Milaca.

Isanti County: Mr. Olvern Ericson, Rt. 1, Isanti; Mrs. R. B. Ernst, Cambridge; and Mrs. Paul Hammar, Isanti.

Pine County: Mrs. Joe Blahnik, Brook Park; Mrs. Harold Petersen, Askov; and Mrs. Anna Burk, Hinckley.

The Regional Library Board held its organizational meeting in Cambridge on Thursday, January 22, and elected Mrs. Gudridge, president; Mrs. Burk, vice-president; Mrs. Ernest, secretary; and Mr. Ericson, treasurer.

At this same meeting they drafted their proposed budget for the first year, including \$25,000 for books, and \$16,000 for equipment including a bookmobile. They submitted an application for aid in the sum of \$58,150, which was granted by the State Board of Education at its February meeting.

The selection of headquarters location has absorbed much of the time since, while they are waiting to receive applications for the position of Director. At last report there were at least four qualified applicants interested. The position will pay a minimum of \$6,000 per year.

Staff Change

The Library Division, with much regret, has received the resignation of Diana Hebrink from her position as Rural Library Adviser. She has been with the Division since the new rural aid program was established in 1957. Our consolation is that she will be Extension Librarian on the staff of the Dakota-Scott Regional Library, so she will continue to be a part of our Minnesota library development program.

Succeeding Miss Hebrink in the position of Rural Library Adviser on the Library Division staff is Miss Margaret Smith. Miss Smith has had four years of experience on the staff of the St. Paul Public Library, and received her Master's degree from the Library School at the University of Minnesota.

Other Progress

The Boards of County Commissioners of Polk and Marshall Counties have been unable to agree on the terms of establishing a regional library. As a result, the Polk County Commissioners have voted to go ahead with the establishment of a county library, and appointed a county library board, consisting of: Dr. D. E. Stewart, Crookston; Jens Erickson, Climax; Mrs. Edgar Massee, East Grand Forks; Mr. James Jacobs, Fertile; and Lorence Granum, Sr., Fosston. This board will hold its first meeting shortly after Easter, and a further report on their progress will be made next time.

Four county library committees have begun serious activities in the last two months, working toward regional library establishment this year. In Meeker County, a committee is carrying on a campaign to join their county with Kandiyohi County in a regional library. They have held numerous meetings in recent weeks, have secured a great many individual and organization endorsements of support, and have conducted a continuous campaign of publicity in the newspapers and on radio. They will hold a bookmobile demonstration tour throughout the county during the week after Easter, as a climax of their campaign before meeting with their Board of County Commissioners in April.

Committee organization and meetings are going forward in Benton and Sherburne Counties toward developing a movement to create a regional library in which the two counties would join with Stearns County, which now has a county library.

The Becker County Library Committee has organized and is beginning to plan its campaign, including a bookmobile demonstration tour the latter part of April.

Chippewa, Yellow Medicine, Swift, Pope Counties are beginning library promotion.

Meetings have been held at Montevideo, Starbuck, Glenwood, and Benson.

New Libraries

The new taconite villages of Babbitt and Hoyt Lakes have both established public libraries, and are getting library service underway. Mrs. G. W. Anderson is librarian at Babbitt, and Mrs. Lillian Esla is librarian at Hoyt Lakes. At Hoyt Lakes the community has organized a "Friends of the Library" group which is assisting Mrs. Esla in processing the recently received gift books for the shelves.

At Lakefield, the community group which worked hard for the establishment of Jackson County library service last fall, has decided that the defeat of the Library referendum will not stop them. They have established the Lakefield Free Public Library, and are receiving much community support although the library is not yet supported from public funds. They already have a collection of over 600 books, and public acceptance of the service is reported as "very good."

Adult Services Institute

An Institute on Library Service to an Aging Population will be the ALA Adult Services Division's major activity during the Washington Conference. Sessions will be held each morning, Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26, from 8 to 9:30 o'clock. The Institute, which is co-sponsored by the Office for Adult Education, is designed to help librarians to recognize and define their responsibilities in serving the varied needs of a population in which more people are living longer. The problems of finance and employment, health, housing, and aging successfully will be discussed by authorities in these fields, with librarians commenting on the implications for library service.

Miss Bertha S. Adkins, Under Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will open the Institute, and Miss Ollie A. Randall, Vice Chairman, National Committee on the Aging, will address the opening session on "Aging as It Affects the Individual and Society," and will also talk on health and housing problems at a later session.

Other featured speakers will include Charles Odell, Director, Retired Workers

Department, United Auto Workers of America, Detroit, Michigan, and Seymour Wolfbein, Chief, Division of Manpower and Employment, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington 25, D. C. Among the librarians experienced in the areas under discussion, who will comment on implications for library service, will be Elizabeth Ferguson, Institute of Life Insurance, N. Y., and Mrs. Dorothy L. Phillips, Coordinator of Adult Services, Queens Borough Public Library, N. Y.

In the last session, a panel of librarians from a variety of size and type of community, led by Miss Margaret Monroe, Graduate School of Library Service, Rutgers University, will identify some principles on which library service to an aging population can be based, and discuss the form which specific services can take.

Since the Institute is a part of the total Conference program, no fee will be charged, but only those showing conference badges will be admitted. Registration for the Institute by mail before May 15 will be required, in order to provide sufficient meeting space and materials for those attending the Institute. For registration form write the Institute Coordinator, Miss Eleanor Phinney, 50 East Huron St., Chicago 11, Illinois. Information on the exact location of Institute sessions will be sent to Institute registrants in advance of the Conference.

Staples' 50th Anniversary

The Staples Public Library held an open house on Friday, February 6, 1959 in observance of its 50th anniversary. The library board took the occasion to honor Miss Carrie Mayer, Staples librarian for 25 years, and Elsie Ahlbrecht, their present librarian, with corsages. The Board served refreshments for around 250 guests. Community groups cooperated with gifts of flowers and gifts of money for new books. A number of former board members, some of them now residents elsewhere, were either present or sent flowers and greetings.

Non-Resident Fees

A number of library boards have recently taken action to bring their non-resident fees more nearly into line with current costs of library operation. The recently received advice to library boards, that serving non-

residents without charge is probably illegal, is leading library boards which have followed this practice in the past to review their position.

The Alexandria Public Library board has requested their county commissioners to provide support for the city library to make possible free use of the library by county residents. Their request was refused, so they are establishing a realistic non-resident fee. The Mountain Lake Public Library board has taken similar action to establish a non-resident fee of five dollars per family. Both boards have asked for advice. The most acceptable and realistic method of arriving at a valid non-resident fee is the following formula: Divide annual support from city or village by number of resident registered borrowers. This gives the sum which the city or village is spending to serve its residents. The non-resident fee should approximate this figure.

People and Places

In the rush of going to press last time we carried an announcement of the appointment of Alberta Seiz as new head of the Winona Public Library without the accompanying news of Anita Saxine's resignation and departure. Miss Saxine has become Head of Adult Services in the San Antonio, Texas, Public Library. During her years in Minnesota, Miss Saxine was very active in library affairs, having served as president of the Minnesota Library Association, worked in many ways to bring library progress to Minnesota, and most recently headed the library committee of the Centennial Commission. She will be missed by all of us.

Gyla Caulfield, librarian of the Albert Lea Public Library, retired in December, after heading the library since 1939. She plans to travel, making up for the past years spent close to her duties. Miss Caulfield, active in M.L.A. and other library affairs in the state, will be especially remembered for her generous and efficient planning of conferences in her district.

Mrs. Rose Marie Babbini Harty, a 1953 graduate of the College of St. Catherine library school, succeeded Miss Caulfield at Albert Lea. Her previous library service was as a member of the staff of the Owatonna Public Library.

Stanley B. Carman heads the staff of the

Hibbing Public Library, assuming the position on February 1, 1959. Mr. Carman, a graduate of Boston University and of Simmons College Library School, has served as assistant director of the Kent County Library in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and was previously on the staff of the Lucas County, Ohio, Library. Mrs. Carman has also been a librarian.

Isabelle Thouin has been acting librarian at Hibbing during the period since Carl Johnson resigned last spring.

Mrs. Margaret Leonard Croswell, librarian of the Blue Earth County Library since 1943, has resigned effective this spring. She came to the library from Morgan shortly after the county library was established and has directed its growth from its small beginnings. The most recent expansion was the addition of bookmobile service under the aid program last year. Mrs. Croswell has aided other counties promote library service through the years.

Ellen M. Dale follows Mrs. Lolene Trotter at the Dawson Public Library; Bette L. Riedel is the new librarian at Kasson, where Anena C. Jensen retired in September; and June C. Griffith succeeds Clara G. Pfeiffer at Wabasha.

Detroit Lakes, Montevideo, Moorhead and Minneapolis Public Libraries are named among the beneficiaries in the will of John J. Bohlander, who until his retirement was superintendent of schools in Detroit Lakes, Montevideo and Moorhead. Mr. Bohlander represented Lyons and Carnahan in Minnesota until his recent death at eighty-one.

The Tracy Public Library will receive \$1,500 according to the will of Charles Gustason, former jeweler-optician of that city. The will specified that the fund be used to provide suitable beneficial reading material for persons receiving old age assistance.

The Spicer branch of the Kandiyohi County-Willmar Library system opened for service on December 15, 1958 in quarters provided in the Village Hall. Mrs. Clara Meyers is in charge of the new branch, which is open to the public each week day.

Community organizations sponsored the formal opening of the new home of the Long Lake branch of the Hennepin County Library, November 12, 1958. The new library formerly housed the State Bank of Mound.

INSTITUTE ON MULTI-COUNTY AND REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE THE LIBRARY SCHOOL—THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

April 10 and 11

Program

Friday, April 10, 1959

A.M.

- 9:30-10:15 Coffee and registration
- 10:30 Welcome.....David K. Berninghausen
Introduction.....Frederick Wezeman
Opening address—"The Concept of Multi-County and
Regional Library Systems." Lowell Martin
- 11:20 Question and discussion period.....Lowell Martin, Moderator
- 12:15 Lunch—Junior Ballroom, Room 337, Coffman Memorial Union
Hannis Smith, presiding
Speaker—"Getting Together and Staying Together—Administrative and
Organizational Problems." John G. Lorenz

P.M.

- 2:15-3:15 Section I—Groups A, B, C, D, and E.
3:30-4:30 Section II—Groups A, B, C, D, and E.

Discussion Groups

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| A. Personnel | Mr. Potter | Miss Dyar |
| B. Finance and legal matters | Miss Knudson | Mr. Smith |
| C. Service points—bookmobiles; stations;
branches; etc. | Mr. Rohlf | Miss Mayne |
| D. Publicity and public relations | Mrs. Klein | Miss Wallace |
| E. Functions of regional headquarters | Mr. Carman | Mr. Williams |
- 6:30 Banquet—Dean M. Schweickhard, Commissioner of Education, State of Minnesota,
presiding
Address—"The Trustee with the Forward Look." Mrs. Theodore Stroud

Saturday, April 11

- 9:00-10:30 Report session of Friday discussion groups
Moderators: Hannis Smith and Fred Wezeman
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-12:00 Conference summary. Leon Carnovsky
- 12:15 Lunch—Junior Ballroom, Room 337, Coffman Memorial Union

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Library Activities

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District Library Meetings

Sponsored by the Minnesota Library Association and the Library Division of the
State Department of Education

April 29-May 14, 1959

Schedule of Meetings

Wednesday, April 29	Anoka Public Library.....	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Mrs. Kenneth D. Talbot, local chairman		4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (Trip to Anoka County Library)
Thursday, April 30	Rochester Public Library.....	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Miss Lucille Gottry, local chairman		
Tuesday, May 5	Marshall Public Library.....	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Mrs. Ralph Stevens, local chairman		
Thursday, May 7	Crookston Public Library.....	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Mrs. Cleo N. Thompson, local chairman		
Thursday, May 14	Hibbing Public Library.....	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Mr. Stanley B. Carman, local chairman		

Tentative Program

- 9:00-10:00 a.m. Registration and coffee hour
- 10:00-11:15 a.m. Progress reports for—
Minnesota Library Association
Federal Relations Chairman
Library Extension in Minnesota
- 11:15-12:00 a.m. Retirement benefits for librarians
- 12:15- 1:45 p.m. Luncheon
- 2:00- 4:00 p.m. Trustees
- 2:00- 4:00 p.m. Adult Services—
Library Binding and Editions—Robert H. Simonds
Films and Libraries
*What's Your Score on Notable Books?
Sources of Inexpensive Materials
- *It will stimulate the discussion of this topic if librarians check their holdings of the Notable Books prior to coming to the meeting.

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